
A Grass Roots History of Australian Rules Football

Taken from the Garrison playing fields of Templemore, Tipperary, Ireland in the
1830s to present day Victoria, Northern Territory & West Australia

1830s to 2025



Revealed from collation and an expose of the scrap book biographies gathered from
The united family Guest, Hay, Simmie, Joyce and Hamblin.

John Guest

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This content of this Guest family scrap book includes clippings and football biographies of the Guest patrilineal lines and maternal line Landt, and maternal collateral lines Hay, Simmie, Hamblin and Joyce.

My sincere apology for any family member overlooked.

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SECTION ONE

The football biographies of the Guest family traced back to John Kidd Guest 1832-1871, ex Templemore, Tipperary Ireland and late of North Melbourne

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OUR FOOTBALL STORY BEGINS IN TIPPERARY IRELAND

John Kidd Guest's sporting life in Templemore of Melbourne

Research conducted by Irish sports historian Dr. Patrick Bracken PhD (2018), along with private evidence-based discussions with the author John Guest, the pioneering football histories of the Guest and Bracken families from North Melbourne (West Melbourne - Bracken) and Templemore, Tipperary, confirmed the author's great-grandfather, John Kidd Guest (1831-1871), was part of the football and cricket teams in Templemore, Tipperary, Ireland, from 1845 to 1857, at the age of 26.

He is further recognised as one of seven known relatives among a total of 20 young males eligible for selection on these teams during that time. The only civilian Templemore team from this period began against military barrack teams in the late 1830s. Below, John is listed alongside his elder brother and cousins, who are also believed to have participated, based on Bracken's 2024 estimate of the town population not exceeding 20 young men:

- William Langford Guest [I] (1824-1897), late of Worcestershire, England - son of John Guest, Esq, one of 15 Town Commissioner of Templemore – Chair Sir John Caden) (the present researcher's great uncle).
- **John Kidd Guest (1831-1871), late of Hotham, Victoria** – ditto son of John Guest, Esq (researcher's great grandfather and father of NMFC stalwarts) (the present researcher's great grandfather). His three sons played for North Melbourne Football Club, and youngest of the three, Archie Guest (1866-1932) went on to play with Williamstown Football Club (refer paragraphs A572, page 197 above).
- Thomas Guest (1807-1875), late of the Colony of Victoria - son of James Guest (1788-1853), Esq. (the present researcher's 1st cousin, 3 times removed).
- James Guest (1810-1890), late of Cloughjordan – ditto son of James Guest, Esq (the present researcher's 1st cousin, 3 times removed).
- Joseph Guest (1818-1878), late of Roscrea – ditto son of James Guest, Esq (the present researcher's 2nd cousin, 2 times removed).
- Henry Guest (1824-1885), late of Footscray, Colony of Victoria – ditto son of James Guest, Esq (the present researcher's 2nd cousin, 2 times removed).
- Henry Guest (1824-1885), late of Footscray, Colony of Victoria (the present researcher's 2nd cousin, 2 times removed).
- William James Rudd (1835-1915), late of New Zealand – son of Minchin Rudd, Esq (the present researcher's 2nd cousin, 2 times removed).

It is clear that John Kidd Guest (1831-1871), resided in Hotham/North Melbourne and previously in Templemore, Tipperary, would have brought valuable insights and skills to the playing in Royal Park, Hotham, as early as 1858/9.

According to Dr. Bracken (2024, 2014) and Dr. Reid (2014), during the years 1844-1857, when John was involved in football and cricket with the Templemore civilian team, in which the town had only one football team and one cricket team,

John attended the local grammar school located on Abbey Manor Templemore and played for the school cricket team which morphed into the towns team and played at the Abbey and sponsored by Sir John Carden.

Dr Bracken's 2014 "Foreign and Fantastic Field Sports: Cricket in County Tipperary" (Thurles, 2004) informs the Abbey Grammar School Cricket team, Templemore's first cricket team established circa early 1840s, were played on the grounds of the Abbey Manor pictured below:



Dr. Patrick Bracken (2024) recognises the Guest family of Templemore as a significant influence during this time in sport in the town. He views them as essential to the early development of organised football, cricket, and other sports such as hurling and athletics in the market town since the late 1830s.

Patrick is a member of the illustrious Bracken family of Templemore sharing by time and place shared ancestry to the early days of Templemore more's proud football and cricket playing history. Patrick's ancestor, is JK Brackens to whom the JK Bracken name is given to the GAA Club and so named after Joseph Kevin Bracken of Templemore. Joseph Bracken was one of the seven founding members of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884. Furthermore, Bracken was the first Chairman of the Tipperary County Board, he served as vice president of the GAA, and of the original seven signatories, he was the longest serving member on the GAA national executive. He was an elected representative and chairman of Templemore Urban District Council, and was a member of the oath-bound republican organisation the IRB (Irish Republican Brotherhood).

Nature of folk football

More is known about folk football through the 18th and 19th centuries. It was essentially a game for large numbers played over wide distances with goals that were as much as three miles apart, as at Ashbourne. At Whitehaven, the goals were a harbour wall and a wall outside the town. Matches in Derby involved about a thousand players. In all cases, the object of the exercise was to drive a ball of varying size and shape, often a pig's bladder, to a goal. Generally, the ball could be kicked, thrown or carried but it is believed there were some places at which only kicking was allowed. Whatever rules may have been agreed beforehand, there is no doubt at all that folk football was extremely violent, even when relatively well organised.

The Guest family, historically a sporting clan

Among the people of Templemore to this day and local historians, the Guest family from Templemore is well-known for their pioneering efforts in recruiting young men from the town to participate in football and cricket for the community.

Key figures such as John Guest (1786-1864), brother James Guest (1888-1853), and their friend and brother-in-law, Miller, Minchin Rudd (1809-1879) actively motivated local youth to join the town's only civilian and cricket teams, which faced off against the "Templemore Barrack teams."

These contributions are recorded in Dr. Patrick Bracken's 2018, "Development of Sport in County Tipperary, 1840-1880" (Cork University Press, 2018) and "Foreign and Fantastic Field Sports: Cricket in County Tipperary" (Thurles, 2004), as well as in Sean Reid's 2014 Doctoral Thesis, "Cricket in Victorian Ireland 1848 - 1878: A Social History" from the University of Huddersfield.

Beginning from the late 1830s, player lists and game day start times were showcased in the windows of John Guest's Guest Draper and Grocer store on Patrick Street, previously known as Georges Street:



Additionally, these details were posted on the windows and walls of James Guest's (1788-1853) Commercial Hotel, known colloquially as the Guest family hotel, situated at the corner of Patrick Street, previously named George Street, Templemore, specifically at the intersection of Georges Street and Templemore Demesne:

AUCTION.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, TEMPLEMORE.

T. B. CONSEDINE

Is instructed by the representatives of the late Mr. **JAMES GUEST, HOTEL, TEMPLEMORE, to**
 Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
 On **WEDNESDAY, the 28th INST.,**
 the Entire Property in House and Landed Interest, belonging to Deceased in and about Templemore. Also, the entire

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 with large addition to same (as deceased traded in the letting of Furniture to different garrisons), all of which will be on the above day offered for sale.

OUTSIDE,
 Will be sold the Posting Vehicles, consisting of a Carriage, an Omnibus, Outside and Inside Cars, a second 4-wheeled 2 Horse Car, a number of Harness, 2 Posting Horses; a quantity of Steel, Iron, Seasoned Spokes, Felloes, Axes, and Boxes; a good Mangia, &c.

INSIDE.
 The quality of the Furniture is generally of plain second Mahogany Articles, with a number of Modern do. —all are fairly kept. The Furniture comprises sets of Dining Tables, 2 Pianos, large lots of Dining and Bed Room Chairs, Centre Table, Side, Low, Card, and other Tables; Sofa, Loungers, a Diamond Cut Glass Chandelier; Fenders, Irons, Carpets, Book Case and Cabinet; an antique collection of foreign carvings; a large quantity of French Bed, Bedsteads, Hair Mattresses, Carrels, Comodes, Wash Stands, Dressing Tables, Mirrors, Dressing, Shirts, &c.

2nd Sale to commence First Day at Twelve o'Clock sharp.

The Sale of Interest Second Day, at nine o'clock sharp.

Catalogues of lot and interest to be had at the Hotel, 3 days previously to the Sale; or from
T. B. CONSEDINE,
 Auctioneer, Commercial and General Commission Agent,
 Templemore.

Dec. 18th, 1843.

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On Saturday a fire broke out in the house of Mr Carthy, at Templemore, whose house joins Mr. Rudd's mill at one side, and Guest's Commercial Hotel on the other. Only for the exertion of young Mr. Guest assisted by the Head Constable and sub constable Bugler there would have been an awful conflagration. It appears that a spark from the fire lighted upon a cat, which leaped upon a bed and set it in a flame.



John Kidd Guest's (1831-1871) grandfather, also named John Guest (c. 1758-abt. 1824) of Templemore, was the first of the line who began supplying uniforms for the Garrison through his Draper and Clothier Store as early as 1815.

By around 1823, the store was taken over by John Guest (1786-1864), named on the blue plaques above, who succeeded to the store after his father's death (also younger brother James Guest's father and father of Mary Rudd, nee Guest).

Brothers John Guest 1786-1864 and James Guest 1888-1853 started to round up the local lads more regularly than in the past to establish a regular schedule of friendly competitive matches against the Garrison team(s). This is when the author's 2nd great grandfather John Guest, Clothier of Patrick Street began providing sporting uniforms for the Templemore civilian football and cricket teams, and also outfitted the growing number of Garrison teams.

Shin-kicking, the modified Irish folk football context

Bracken 2024 further informs that the English soldiers for the Garrison team at Templemore often slid into opposing players to seize the ball, which contributed to the growing popularity of the English folk football game - a precursor to soccer that soldiers played in the 1830s and 1840s.

This led to a modified version of Irish folk football being played on the Garrison sports field in Templemore, fostering goodwill among military personnel and the local civilian population, outlawing "shin-boning". Bracken notes in his independent research that "shin-kicking" in Ireland was a type of combat sport that gained popularity in the 1830s and 1840s, with competitions surprisingly still taking place today.

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THE UNDOCUMENTED BIRTH OF THE NORTH MELBOURNE FC

In March 1857, John Kidd Guest (1832-1871), then 25 and at the height of his football career, immigrated to Melbourne aboard the James Baines. He quickly established strong connections with the residents of Hotham (North Melbourne) and made his home in nearby East Collingwood, just off Victoria Street, linking Collingwood and Hotham as neighbouring suburbs (with Carlton being part of Hotham at that time). By 1866, he settled his young and expanding family in Hotham after the completion of the Guest family home at 34 Leveson Street, North Melbourne.

From 1857 to 1866, the folk football game played by the Hothamites - mostly Irish immigrant townfolk of North Melbourne, adopted the 16-man Templemore Garrison rules, which served as a precursor to both the Gaelic code and the 1866 Australian rules code developed in Melbourne and adopted and embraced by the Victorian Football Association (VFA) from 1877 until its demise in 1999.

The North Melbourne football club, although undocumented, began to take shape in its early years at Royal Park from 1858/9, organised under the Templemore playing rules and conditions. Documented evidence, newspaper clippings, indicates that Hothamites organised folk football matches at Royal Park starting in 1859. These accounts align with the family's oral history, which that John Kidd Guest from Tipperary actively participated as one of many in helping to organise, officiate and /or play in the grass root games played at Royal Park under the folk banner of the North Melbourne "Hothamites" football club. They are also altogether consistent with "The North Story", by Gerard Dowling who recognised from his wonderful research That:

"There had been an attempt to establish a football team in the locality (North Melbourne) five years before (1864), but it had been short lived.

The North Melbourne Football Club quite likely did not have an official launching as a formally-constituted organisation. To begin with it was most probably little more than someone calling together a group of players and helpers to organise some competitive team sport for local cricketers during the winter months."

Our Guest family scrapbook contains the following evidence that the "Hothamites" were in one way, shape or form, organising matches among their members before 1860. Noting first that it wasn't until the City of Melbourne acknowledged the growing popularity of football and cricket in the region, particularly in the Hotham, that Royal Park became a key component of the city's evolving sports infrastructure that this history was uncovered (Sanderson, W., 1932, p. 7, M.A., L.L.D, Early History of Royal Park 1844-193, Victoria History Magazine, Vol XIV, No. 3, May, 1932):

was divided into a number of large paddocks, with a small triangular plot in front of the Zoo. A drive was also formed around the sides and back of the Zoo. The native timber was subsequently thinned to allow spaces for playing cricket, football, and other games, and for military reviews. There were a few clumps of she-oaks left in the hill paddock to the west of the Zoo. Plantations of pines and other trees were formed, and fresh trees planted from time to time.

The next section of the scrap book captures his sons playing days for North Melbourne (Hotham) Football Club as well as their involvement administration and coaching in particular middle brother of three Jack Guest (Mr John Henry Guest/Mr. J.H. Guest) and elder brother Will Guest (Mr. W.L. Guest) club treasurer, 1884) and beginning Will Guest 1860-1922.

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SECTION TWO

The football biography of Will Guest 1860-1922 of the North Melbourne Football Club. His genealogical legacy was extinguished in 1963 when the last of his three children died without issue.

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WILL GUEST (1860-1922) – NORTH MELBOURN FOOTBALL CLUB

An early pioneer of Australian rules football in Australia

The author's grand uncle, William Langford Guest [II] (1860-1922), known also as "Will Guest (1862-1922) and known to other NMFC records as "Mr. W.L. Guest," is the elder of three brothers "Guest" to play football senior football for the NMFC.

At the age of 16, Will began playing in 1876 after completing his education at St Mary's Anglican School, joining his lifelong Sam Butt and Alby Buncle, who were also graduates from the same school.

This information was passed down from the researcher's grandmother, Florence Guest (nee Logan), who was married to Archie Guest, the youngest of the three Guest brothers. She recalled Archie playing alongside his older brothers Will and Jack, along with their friends Sam and Alby, as part of the Mary's Anglican School's scratch match football and cricket teams. They took every opportunity to play on the makeshift field behind the school and after hours at the corner of Queensberry and Howard Streets, where they preferred the wide, flat streets, entertaining as they went about their daily routines (St Mary's Anglican School, pictured to the right behind the wagon and situated on the corner of Queensberry and Howard Streets North Melbourne, Source: Pictures Victoria, SLV):



His middle brother Jack Guest, born John Henry Guest (1862-1922) became North Melbourne's first premierships coach winning for the club the VFA reserve competition premierships in 1886-1888 and coached to at least 1889. Then, it appears that VFA reserve competition was probably called the Victorian Junior Football Association.

In 1884, and whilst still a player at NMFC, older brother Will Langford Guest (Mr. W.L Guest) along with his mate Sam Butt were elected to the clubs general committee. Will was further elected as the club's young 24-year-old Treasurer and VFA delegate, with evidence of all of the above to subsequently follow.

Annual General Meeting of the Hotham FC

Where: UPS Hall, Hotham.

When: Wednesday 28th March 1884 (Evening).

Attendance: Approximately 500 supporters.

Chair: Mayor Cr Pilkington presided.

Club Secretary: Read the report for the 1883 season).

Elected officer bearers for 1884 season:

- Patrons: Mr John Launes; Dr Rose, M.L.A.; Cr T Pilkington (Mayor of Hotham).
- President: Mr E. Harcourt
- Vice President: Mr C.A. Atkin
- Secretary: Mr F. J. Gray
- Treasurer: Mr W. L. Guest
- Delegates to the VFA: Mr W. L. Guest; Mr D. Wilson.
- General Committee Members: Messrs Wilson; F.J. Gray; J. Barwise; S. Butt; H. Perkins; J. Todd; A. Young; J. Munro; H. Furbop.
- Match committee: (players) - J. Shaw; A. Bunckle; H. Perkins; (non-players) - Gardiner; Mr W.G. Rae.

FOOTBALL.
HOTHAM F. C.
The annual meeting of the Hotham Football Club was held in the U.F.S. Hall, last Thursday evening. About 500 persons attended. The Mayor, (Cr T. Pilkington) presided. The secretary (Mr F. J. Gray) read the following report:-
Your committee have much pleasure in presenting their report for the season ending 1883.
On referring to the balance sheet it will be seen that the receipts amounted to £204 16s 10d, and the expenditure £201 13s 11d, thus leaving a balance of £2 17s 5d in hand. In addition to this the committee of the Hotham Recreation reserve are indebted to us in the sum of £21 1s 5d made up as follows:- £10 being a loan to them, and £11 1s 5d, share of matches played in their reserve against the following clubs:- North Park, Williamstown, Emerald, Sandhurst, Melbourne, and South Melbourne, but against this there are outstanding amounts amounting to £14 1s 6d. No doubt the receipts would have been much larger but for the inclemency of the weather, as all the principal matches on the reserve, with only one exception, were played in the rain, thus causing a sparse attendance, which materially affected the takings.
The 1st 20 have during the past season played 22 matches, winning 7, losing 1, and 8 were drawn, the number of goals kicked being 56 for and 53 against us. The successful goalkeepers being: H. and A. Todd, 15 each; R. Clark 5; J. Rae, J. Shaw, E. O'Brien, and A. Young, 4 each; J. Taskard and R. Houston, 3 each; and Messrs Coffey, Perkins, Eliza, Francis, E. Young, Maher, Bunckle, L. J., and McInnes, 1 each.

As will be seen by the above results, we are not very forward on the list of successful clubs, yet it must be universally admitted that the play of our representatives was deserving of a much better position.

It is very gratifying to your committee to be able to state that during the past season we secured a victory over our old rivals, the Carlton, who, much more before achieved by our club.

Your committee and a few gentlemen volunteers during the past season had the pleasure of presenting to Mr. Taskard a testimonial on behalf of the club, while wedding presents were made to Messrs. Branch and Pollen, your committee thinking the respective events suitable times to offer a slight acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by them to the club.

Donations amounting to £35 were passed and forwarded by your committee, as follows: £21 to the Hotham Recreation reserve, £5 to towards Geo. Coulthart's Fund, £3 to towards Hotham Handicap, £2 to towards the North Park Football Club, and £4 10s to Williamstown Football Club.

Matches had been promised by supporters of the club to the three best players in 1st 20, but your committee regret to state that only one is forthcoming, and that has been awarded to Mr Barwise, and a special prize has been awarded to Mr J. Shaw, your committee being of opinion that the play of these gentlemen during the past season justified them in making the above awards; but, at the same time Messrs. H. Perkins, Francis, Butt, Taskard, H. and A. Todd, J. Rae, Houston, Branch, Ley, Bunckle and Clark, are deserving of great praise for the manner in which they tried to uphold the reputation of the club in the football field.

Your committee are sorry to state that Mr. J. Barwise, who was elected secretary to the club, which was received with regret, and a vote of thanks was tendered him for past services. Mr F. J. Gray was elected in his stead.

In conclusion, your committee desire to thank those who have rendered their efforts to promote the general welfare of the club, as no doubt through their exertions the number of members has been greatly increased, and with a view to their success in the coming and future seasons would respectfully urge all members to use their influence in furthering the club's interest.

The report after some discussion was adopted. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Patrons, Mr John Launes and Dr. Rose, M.L.A.; Cr T. Pilkington, (Mayor of Hotham); president, Mr E. Harcourt; for the position of vice-presidents the voting was as follows: Messrs C. A. Atkin, 104; B. Ellis, 208; E. Fitzgerald, 182; W. G. Rae, 182; J. Gardiner, 177; Mark Evans, 163; L. E. Gifford, 114; secretary, Mr F. J. Gray; do, 2nd 20, Mr W. L. Guest; treasurer, Mr D. Wilson, delegates to V.F.A., Messrs Wilson and Gray; general committee, Messrs J. Barwise, 166; S. Butt, 167; H. Perkins, 165; J. Todd, 129; A. Young, 128; J. Munro, 122; H. Furbop, 104; match committee, (players): J. Shaw, 212; A. Bunckle, 212; H. Perkins, 161; (non-players), J. Gardiner, 91. Mr W. G. Rae moved that the best thanks of the Hotham Football Club be forwarded to Cr J. Shaw for his action in forming the approaches to the reserve, and also to the council for their prompt co-operation in the matter. The motion was unanimously carried. The mayor briefly replied, and accorded the company he would convey their wishes to the council.

the members of which were determined to do all in their power to make the approaches a credit to the town. (Applause.) After the transaction of other routine business which was interspersed with several songs, a vote of thanks was accorded the chairmen, and the meeting closed.

As previously noted, Will best mate, and fellow player and administrator of the NMFC, Mr Sam Butt, known to football researcher and historian Mark Pennings (2016), was Captain of Hotham/North Melbourne in the 1880s. It is he who also umpired in the 1890s after finishing his VFA football career with NMFC (Pennings M, 2016, p294, Origins of Football Vol. 4).

In the year Sam and the researcher's grand uncle William Langford Guest [II] (1860-1922) played their first open age game in the reserves for NMFC, Sam's sister, who was a friend of Will's sister Louisa, also Annie Caroline Allison, later Annie Guest, wife of Jack Guest was in the employ of the Will, Jack, Archie and Louisa Guest's widow mother, Matilda Mangam Guest (1835-1884), nee Connolly of 34: Leveson Street, Hotham as a supervisor of staff including apprentice dressmakers (Hatcher, S, Melbourne Streets, Guest Residence, 34 Leveson Street, North Melbourne/Hotham, Hotham History Project):

/ The Age (Melbourne, Vic.: 1854 - 1954) / Mon 3 Apr 1876 / Page 1 / Advertising

WANTED, APPRENTICES and Improvers to the Dressmaking. Miss Butt, 34 Leveson-street, Hotham.

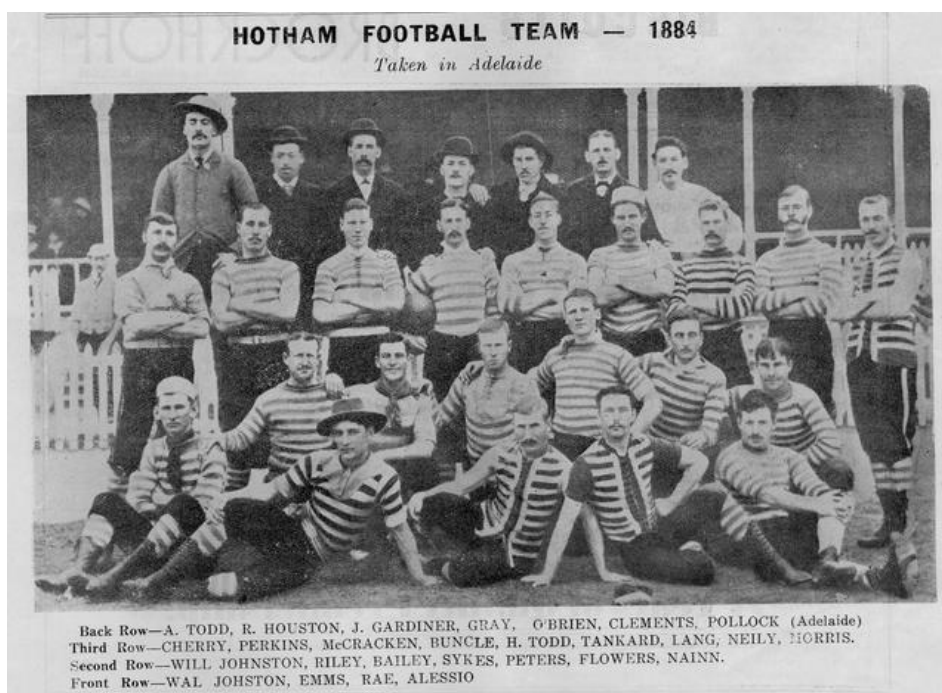
Funeral Notices.

THE Friends of WILLIAM and JOHN GUEST are respectfully invited to follow the remains of their late beloved mother to the place of interment, Melbourne Cemetery.

The funeral to move from their residence, 34 Leveson-street, Hotham, THIS DAY (Monday, 4th inst.), at 2 o'clock.

JOHN DALEY, undertaker, Latrobe and Spring streets, Melbourne.

Captured in the NMFC team photograph, submitted below, are many of the NMFC footballers the Guest brothers knew from St Mary's Anglican School (North Melbourne) and the neighbourhood of Hotham from 1866-1887, who went on to play for NMFC (Hotham) (Image attributed to the archives of the State Library of Victoria) (Rickard, J., 2008, p8, An Assemblage of Decent Men and Women: A History of the Anglican parish of St Mary's North Melbourne 1853-2000, St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne – Giving Hotham FC/NMFC its origins, players and blue and white colours):



Will Guest (1860-1922) played for the NMFC (Hotham FC's) senior twenty football team against East Melbourne at the Richmond Cricket Ground (Punt Road Oval) on Saturday 10th July 1880 aged 20 years. The Argus, Melbourne Victoria, Saturday 10th July 1880, Page 9, This Afternoon's Sports, Ho6tham v East Melbourne [First Twenty' "Guest" selected to play]:

THIS AFTERNOON'S SPORTS.

FOOTBALL.

The principal football match to be played this afternoon will be that between the Carlton and Melbourne Clubs, on the East Melbourne Cricket Club's ground. The following will represent Carlton:—Messrs. E. Barrass, G. Bragge, E. Brooks, G. Browning, G. Coulthard, A. Coventry, C. Donovan, A. Ford, R. Frayne, W. Goer, F. Gunn, B. Murphy, C. Nudd, H. O'Donnell, Jas. Richards, G. Robertson, J. Robertson, G. Smith, F. Spear, H. Wilson; Mr. T. Chadwick, central umpire. The Melbourne team will be composed of—Messrs. J. Adams, F. Baker, J. Bennie, B. Booth, W. Boys, H. J. Downes, F. O. Lamrock, E. W. Longden, W. Longden, Jas. M. Macdonald, Jno. Macdonald, W. Manifold, J. G. M'Kie, T. Nash, F. Power, W. H. Roberts, R. Sibley, E. Silvester, R. Simson, J. F. Watson; emergencies, E. A. Smart, A. Oliver, A. Young.

South Melbourne and Essendon will play at Essendon. The following will represent South Melbourne, who are requested to leave the Post-office at half-past 2 p.m.:—Messrs. Addison, Brown, Gibson (captain), Griffiths, Hutton, Horan, Haines, Hopkinson, Keillett, Lorraine, Latchford, Minchin, Mood, O. Rosser, J. Rosser, Slatter, Spain, Thomas (vice-captain), Young, and Wells; emergencies—H. Rosser and Pullarton. The Essendon team will be chosen from—Bryant, Bloomfield, Carter (two), Coldham, Graham, Hughes, James, Martin, Miller, M'Arthur, M'Cracken, M'Harg, M'Intosh, M'Shane, M'Donald, Powell (captain), Raper, Rogers, Sims, Walker, Watt.

West Melbourne will play Geelong on the ground of the latter. The West Melbourne team will be composed of Barnes, Beeching, Burns, Callaghan, Cody, Conway, Dixon, Douglas, Fulton, Gidley, Greenway, Manderson, Pullen, Robertson, Smith, Thewlis, Thomson, Watson, Wicks, Wood.

The Hotham and East Melbourne Clubs will meet on the Richmond Cricket-ground. The following are the teams:—East Melbourne—Adamson, Alexander (two), Carr, Champion, Cooper, Dougall, Dunn, Douglas, Grant, Hassett, M'Kay, MacGregor, Oasley, Tuckfield (two), F. Tindale (captain), Tindale, Wookay (two), Westerman. Hotham—Batt, Bayley, Bickford, Bruce, Fuhrhop, Gardiner, Goding, Ley, Medway, Neely, Owens, O'Neill, O'Brien, Paterson, Shaw, Sutcliffe, Taylor, Tomlins, Waldron, Walker, Whitney,

Green.
The St. Kilda and Toorak clubs will play a match at St. Kilda. The following matches have also been

Will Guest aged 16-year-old is the player Guest named below who played for NMFC (Hotham United) His lined up alongside his lifetime mates Sam Butt and Alf Buncle and were probably among the first crop of recent students of St Mary's Anglican School, creating the feeder under age player pipeline which yielded many benefits to the North Melbourne Football Club (Hotham United Second 20, Player: Guest, North Melbourne Advertiser, Victoria, Friday 26th May 1876, Page 3, Football):

Football.

BY TORBALL.

Since my last epistle a great change has come over us in the football world. The North Melbourne has been led to distraction as sheep to the slaughter, and are no more. Having gone to join the red and black of the Albert Park for this season, about a dozen of the North Melbourne proceeded to Albert Park last Saturday to play a scratch match. All the members seemed to be in grand form, the rushes and dolging of Robertson being something to be remembered. The Hotham United played the Albion Union, which as I did not expect resulted in a victory for the former, W. Thompson of the Carlton Imperial securing the goal. The Hotham United I hear are not so strong this season as last in many respects. It was said by "Critic" that this club were going to play no clubs but the senior second twenties, but by their list of matches I see that the seniors have wisely kept clear of them. This does not reflect much credit on their secretary. They play such clubs as the Imperial, Rising Sun, and sundry other junior clubs not worth speaking about; clubs that they think they will be sure in giving a dubbing and then say they have not been beaten this season. The Geelong Imperial, I hear, are not going to play them for this reason, that when they took a glance over their list of matches, they at once formed the idea, as I expected a week or two ago, that they must be school boys. The Northern, owing to some misunderstanding on the part of their opponents captain, did not play. I hear that their secretary has arranged a match with the Albert Park 2nd twenty, to be played in the Royal Park on Saturday; this match I think will be worth seeing. This club, I see, has a good programme arranged for them, matches being placed with nearly all the senior 2nd twenties. I was not a little surprised to see that a match has not been arranged between the two leading clubs of Hotham namely, Northern and Hotham United, the latter backing out of it altogether and seem to be frightened, thinking that the Northern are too good for them. The Northern are willing to arrange a match with them for the championship of Hotham, so as to let the public know who are the best club in every respect.

The Hotham United team will be chosen from the following in the match v. Excelsior in the Royal Park on Saturday next:— Bickford (capt.), Bickford, Brennan, Carlyle, Crosbie, Dellit, Geddes, Humphrys, Hogan, Lording, Ley, McPherson, Murray, O'Brien, Pratt, Rohan, (2) J. Smith, Stevenson, Stephens, Steel, Thompson, (vice) Warner, Wilson, and Weston.

The following players will assemble at the Post Office at a quarter past 2 on Saturday to proceed to St. Kilda to play Explanade:— Cavan, Wylie, McCarthy, Harrat, Mahoney, S. Bickford, Butt, Mairn, Lancher, Power, Charles, Downie, Paterson, T. Paterson, Buncle, Cox, Fiddler, Adams, Marks, Vaughan, Peroy, Keid, Grant, Foy, Garbutt, Guest, Lynch, Smith, Craig and Pope.

The Northern club will play the following matches:—May 27, vacant; June 3, West Melbourne, 1st twenty, Royal Park; June 10, North Melbourne, 2nd twenty, Royal Park; June 17, vacant; June 24, North Fitzroy Royal Park; July 1, South Park, Royal Park; July 8, City, Albert Park; July 15, Albion Union, Royal Park; July 22, vacant; July 29, West Melbourne, 1st twenty, Royal Park; August 5, Metropolitan, Royal Park; August 12, North Fitzroy, Cricket Ground; August 19, North Melbourne, 2nd twenty, Royal Park; July 26, Abbotsford United, at Abbotsford; September 2, Geelong Imperial, at Geelong; September 9, South Park, Emerald Hill; September 16, Abbotsford United, Royal Park; September 23, Carlton Imperial, 2nd twenty, Royal Park; September 30, vacant; October 7, Metropolitan at Military Reserve.

Miscellaneous.

A REAL HERO.

How true it is that people who elevate on the highest pedestal of hero-worship, the successful—or more often the lucky soldier care to applaud or even notice those acts of genuine heroism in private life that we occasionally read of; and besides which the most daring achievements performed amid the rush and glory of the battle field fade into nothingness when impartially viewed. A few days ago the Sunday school superintendent of the little town of Colesburg, N. H. found the

Alf Buncle (1860-1935) is pictured below (Guest Family Trove):



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SECTION THREE

The football biographies of Jack (John) Henry Guest 1862-1871, dual premiership coach North Melbourne Football Club second twenty, 1886 & 1887 and his offspring.

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JACK GUEST (1862-1922) – NORTH MELBOURN FOOTBALL CLUB

North Melbourne football club's first premiership coach & secretary of the Cricket Club

Will's middle brother Jack Guest, born John Henry Guest (1862-1922), served as the Secretary of the Hotham Cricket Club (NMCC) during the 1882 and 1883 season. He was noted reading the 1883 Annual Report at the club's Annual General Meeting, which took place at Mr. R. Sutcliffe's Staffordshire Arms Hotel on the evening Friday, September 14, 1883, with approximately 40 members in attendance (Source: North Melbourne Advertiser, Victoria, September 21, 1883, Page, Rose of Hotham CC). Additionally, two of the office bearers noted in 1883, Mr. R. Sutcliffe and Cr. W. Cook, were previously recorded at the 1876 Hotham C.C Annual General Meeting (cf., The Argus Melbourne, Victoria, September 16, 1876, Page 9; The Hotham Cricket Club):

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The annual meeting of the Rose of Hotham Cricket Club was held on Friday evening, at Sutcliffe's Staffordshire Arms Hotel, about 40 members being present. The secretary's report was read [J.H. Guest], showing the club to have had a very successful season, having played 24 matches, 14 of which were won, 5 lost, and 5 drawn, and that a balance of £14 was in the hands of the treasurer. The report being adopted the election of the office bearers then took place, with the following result: Patrons, Dr. Rose, M. L. A.; Dr. Beaney, M. L. C.; Messrs, Buncle, S.G. King and Mr. E. Harcourt; President; Mr. J. Laurens, M.L.A.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. C. Steele, W. Cook, J. C. Pilkington, R. Sutcliffe, W. G. Rae; Captain, Mr. D., Wylie; Vice Captain, W. Wilson; Treasurer, D. Wylie; Secretary J. H. Guest; match and general committee, Messrs J. Shaw, J. Brown, T. Gosling, W. Wilson, R. Sutcliffe, J. Guest and D. Wylie. The prizes for past seasons were then presented: Best batting average, Mr. R. Sutcliffe; Best bowling average, Mr. J. Brown; Highest individual score, Mr. W. Wilson. It was resolved to enter for Mr. Langford's cup. After about 20 members were enrolled, a vote of thanks to the chairman and retiring officers concluded the meeting. The first club match will be played on Saturday 29th inst. [mine].

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It is reasonable to conclude that Messrs. Pilkington, Laurens, Sutcliffe, Harcourt, and Wilson, mentioned above, were also the same of those names serving as administrators of the North Melbourne Football Club, when Jack's elder brother, Mr. W.L. Guest, served as Treasurer. Confirmed below is Jack's election as the coach of the NMFC second twenty football team competing in the VFA in 1886 (North Melbourne Advertiser, Victoria, Friday, May 21, 1886, Page 3, Hotham Football Club):

THE ADVERTISER. FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1886.

FOOTBALL.

(BY 'VIGILANT'.)

HOTHAM V. ESSENDON.—This match was played at the East Melbourne Cricket Ground in the presence of full 10,000 spectators and contrary to expectations resulted in an easy victory for Essendon who scored 4 goals and 12 behinds to Hotham's 11 behinds. In reality the winners only got 3 goals, the fourth one being accidentally kicked by Brown of Hotham. The majority of Hotham players were satisfied when one or two of the Essendon team admitted that the goal umpire made a mistake, but nevertheless competent men should be appointed to the positions of goal umpire as if the game had been depending on the result of the goal in question, it would be very hard on the club having to put up with the loss of a match through the incompetency of the goal umpire. During the game which was well contested up to 2 times a number of the Hotham team seemed to be suddenly imbued with the idea that they were only on the field to be looked at, as time after time I saw an Essendon player go up and secure the ball unopposed although a Hothamite was standing only a few feet away and taken altogether. I don't remember ever seeing the blue and whites play a tamer game and had it not been for the praiseworthy efforts of about half a dozen who I will mention later on, well the defeat would have been crushing. As it was I hope the committee, all of whom were present will see that justice is done to a few more of the second twenty, who if I am informed rightly have about four men in their team really worth a show and who will, if given a show, do credit to themselves and the club, T. Croshie, E. Berris and Quercosted are worth a trial and should get it. Croshie I have long had a fancy for and Berris pleased me immensely at Ballarat on Easter Saturday where he played a fine

after which the resignation of Mr. Nightingale as secretary of the second twenty was accepted, Mr. J. Guest being elected to the vacancy subject to the approval of the second twenty. Mr. J. Laurens, M.L.A., forwarded the sum of £1 on the occasion of his being re-elected a patron of the club, and Mr. Courtney also sent £1 as a donation to the funds of the club. Both remittances were received with thanks. Owing to the Intercolonial Match next Saturday no others are to be contested, and therefore the duty of picking the ordinary Saturday team did not devolve on the Match committee last Tuesday evening, and after a discussion affecting some matters of detail in connection with the affairs of the club the meeting adjourned.

LECTURE ON NEW GUINEA.

Dr. Doyle Glanville who acted as staff surgeon to the late Sir Peter Scratchley's New Guinea expedition delivered a most interesting lecture on New Guinea in the New Hall, Newmarket, on Thursday evening, in aid of the school prize fund. The Mayor (Mr. John Sutton), presided, but there was only a limited attendance. Dr. Glanville gave his lecture from copious notes made during his travels in New Guinea and illustrated his remarks by some fine sketches executed roughly by himself for the occasion, which were received with loud applause by the audience. After referring to the geographical features and resources of the country, the lecturer described at length the savage customs prevailing amongst some of the comparatively unknown tribes who required to be treated with the greatest tact and firmness, as one false step might result in a tragedy. He spoke in high terms of the missionary labors which had done a great deal to enlighten the people who had no recognized religion but believed in the existence of evil spirits. During the cruise of the H.M.S. Diamond a native came on board and stated he was the murderer of Captain Miller but as he did not want any more trouble about the matter he had brought some shells as a peace offering. As his story was borne out by other natives he was arrested much to his astonishment and detained. Another native whom it was alleged had killed Captain Fryer was also soon after captured. Great cruelty had been perpetrated by labor vessels calling at the island for recruits for service in Queensland, and occasionally natives had been kidnapped. At one village they called at he purchased a skull for scientific purposes for three plugs of tobacco and no sooner was this known than the natives came off to the ship with heaps of skulls, jaw bones, thigh bones, etc., and offered them for sale. The principal food consisted of yams and coconuts but animal food was very scarce and there was no pasture although careful search was made. The climate was not at all suitable for white men to live in and the virulent fevers which prevailed were decidedly against settlers. In conclusion Dr. Glan-

It is probable that Essendon will be deprived of the services of Boyd McLeod for the remainder of this season. It is stated that he is going to Queensland.

On Thursday the Essendon team proceeded to Tasmania to play three matches against the Islanders on the 22nd, 24th and 29th, returning to Melbourne on Wednesday, June 2nd, to meet the Melbourne on the 5th June, after which they play Geelong and South Melbourne.

Moonee Ponds Juniors v. Clifton Hill 2nd twenty resulted in a draw in favor of the Clifton Hill who kicked 2 goals 10 behinds to 2 goals 8 behinds kicked by F. Boxall and H. Plummer. Great praise is due to the juniors who played an uphill game from the start, their opponents being nearly double their size. Those who played best for the former were: F. Boxall, H. Plummer, F. Binney, Bruce and P. Delaney as did also Jack and Church for the latter.

Parkville v. Parkside this match resulted in a win for the former by 2 goals 8 behinds, kicked by Butler and Madden to 8 behinds. Cooper Mills and Mullen played well for Parkville as did Marnie and Cousell for the losers.

We are glad to see the new pavilion being erected by Mr. H. Lording architect, on the Hotham Recreation Reserve is progressing towards completion. It will greatly relieve the present rather isolated look of the reserve, and will undoubtedly prove a comfort and convenience both to

HOTHAM FOOTBALL CLUB.

The usual weekly meeting in connection with this club was held on Tuesday evening last, Mr. J. Gardiner presiding. Some business correspondence was dealt with

The second twenty team he coached for the North Melbourne Football Club from 1886-1888 went on to win North Melbourne Football Club's first ever premierships in the elite VFA competition in 1886 and 1887.

The newspaper article below of 1888 shows him receiving from his players at the Club's annual general a framed photograph of his back-to-back premiership winning team (North Melbourne Advertiser, Saturday 31st March 1888, Page 3, North Melbourne Football Club, Mr Guest, Secretary of the Second Twenty Premiers Two Years Running Appointed for 1888 Season):

tary's illness, for which your committee thanks him warmly. Your second twenty again achieved the proud position of premiers, and have to be congratulated on the unselfish manner in which they played together, show that united is far superior to individual effort. Trophies have been awarded to Messrs. Houston, Carroll, H. Todd, William Johnston, Sykes, Gooley, Abrahams, and Morris and Allesio, for playing most matches. In conclusion, your committee wish you every success in coming season, and trust you will have a better one financially and in the football field.—**MARK J EVANS**, Chairman; J. McNao, Hon. Secretary.

regular attendance, silver watch, (the gift of Mr. M. Evans); Carroll, biscuit barrel; Gooley, locket—club prize. Mr. Guest, the secretary of the second 20, was presented with the photos of the team, suitably framed, and, in returning thanks, said that the 2nd 20 North Melbourne had been the premier 2nd 20 for two years. Mr. Ellis presented the chairman with a similar present, and Mr. Evans suitably responded. Mr. Guest was then re-elected secretary to the 2nd 20. Mr. Knight said that he would like to

Jack is further found lining up for NMFC second twenty in 1885, against Williamstown's second twenty (juniors), the year prior to him becoming a three year, and back-to-back premiership coach of North's second twenty team (The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria, Friday 31st July 1885, Page 4, Athletic Sports):

FOOTBALL.
Geelong v. University. On the University field last evening. Team:—Brett, Gidley, O'Brien, Barry, Dwyer, Potts, Potts, O'Brien, McEwen, A. Hall, W. Hall, Ross, Robertson, and Burrell.
Richmond v. Carlton. On the Princes Oval. Richmond team will be selected from the following:—Baker, Christie, Baker, Graham, Howarth, Murray, Laidlaw, Carr, O'Brien, Jones, Stewart, Allen, Smith, Stephens, Woodcock, Brown, and Burrell. Carlton team:—Baker, Brown, and Burrell. Carlton team:—Baker, Brown, and Burrell.
Williamstown v. North Melbourne. At North Melbourne Cricket ground. Williamstown team:—Cock, Begg, Carroll, Cock, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Heron, Harry, Kerrigan, Lindsay, Muir, M'Shane, Maher, Melling, Nathan, Rowe, Robertson, Rapiport, Shearwood, Taylor and Worroll. Members' tickets admit to stand.
Hotham, second twenty v Williamstown Juniors, at Williamstown. The following will represent Hotham, and are requested to meet at the North Melbourne station at half-past 2 o'clock:—Bradley (2), Carlton, Chapman, Doran, Dedassal, Guest, Greenwood, Gardiner (2), Halinbourg, Kelly, Moylan, McIntosh, M'Innes, Nairn, Quessted, Reynolds, Shaw, Stewart, Suarez, Taylor, and Williams.

Jack is pictured below in 1917 (Guest Family Trove):



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SECTION FOUR

The football biographies of Archie Guest 1866-1932, North Melbourne & Williamstown Football Club Player 1885-1890

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ARCHIE GUEST (1866-1932) – NORTH MELB & WILLIMASTOWN FC

Archie Guest (1866-1932) is pictured below near Jeparit, Western Victoria, in 1912, aged 46 years old (Guest Family Trove):



Recounted by the author's father Jack Guest (1921-1987) so named after his uncle, his father, Archie Guest (1866-1932) was a staunch barracker of both North Melbourne and Williamstown Football Clubs. This was so, due to his connection as a player for both clubs. His two elder brothers, Will and Jack Guest (the elder) further played for the North Melbourne Football Club and both went on to hold leadership roles, Will appointed Club treasurer in 1884 (Mr. W. L. Guest), and Jack, Secretary for North's affiliated cricket club in the Victoria Cricket Association (VCA) for the 1883/4 season (Mr J.H.Guest). Jack went on to successfully coach North's second twenty football team from 1886-1888.

When North Melbourne Football Club (NMFC) joined the Victorian Football League (VFL) from the Victorian Football Association (VFA) in 1925, Archie would take his three sons Percy, Cliff and Jack (the younger) to watch North play at Arden Street. Below is a painting by Paul Crompton of NMFC playing a match in 1975 at Arden Street, North Melbourne (Image credit with gratitude to the Beaumaris Probus, 2024):



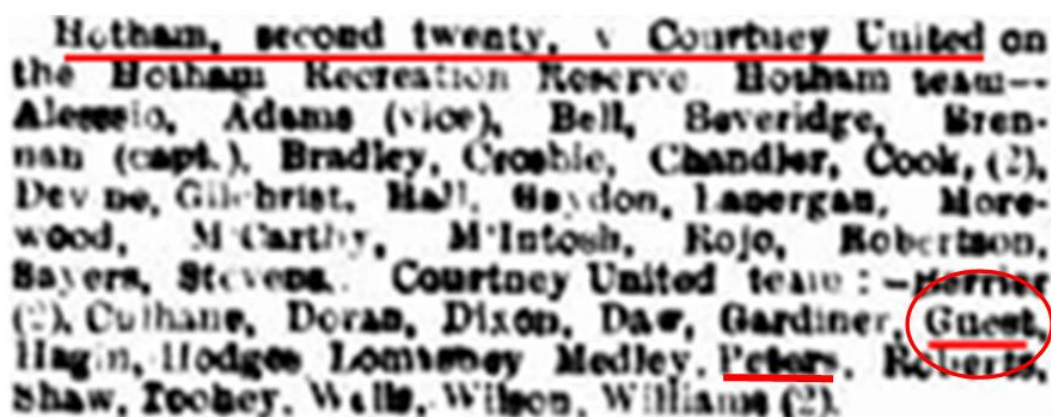
From the time Archie returned to Melbourne from Western Victoria and in 1912 when he settled back permanently he would catch the train travelling the short distance from North Melbourne railway station to watch regularly his beloved Williamstown seagulls play. Near end of life, his son, Jack Guest (1921-1987) [III] told the story of his father Archie and brothers playing for the NMFC in time North was known as Hotham Football Club; and then crossed over to play for Williamstown FC, "because their training ground was close dad's work" (Informant Jack Guest February, 1987). The researcher, Jack's son, further learned about how Archie's father John Kidd Guest was involved in organising the playing of scratch match games at Royal Park as early as 1859 among the "Hothamites" and how he sold football clothing and boots to players from his shop in Collins Street Melbourne as 1858 importing them from his father's in Templemore, Tipperary Ireland.

Unusually, and altogether unexpected, was the three brothers Guest, youngest to oldest, Archie, Jack and Will involvement in embryonic formation and establishment of the North Melbourne Football Club (NMFC) (Hotham Football Club).

Before their father, John Kidd Guest (1831-1871), arrived in Melbourne in 1857 as the family's original pioneer to Australia, he, along with his father and uncles, played a pivotal role in the early development of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) football and cricket in County Tipperary, Ireland during the Victorian era. This involvement is where the Guest family's connection to football in Melbourne originates. The current researcher extends gratitude to Dr. Patrick Bracken for shedding light on the Guest family's historical contributions. John Kidd Guest, father of North players Will, Jack, and Archie Guest, played alongside Patrick Bracken for the pre-GAA Irish folk rules club, the Templemore Citizen's football club, against the Templemore Garrison Barrack teams during the mid-1840s to mid-1850s. Brothers Will Bracken who played for West Melbourne and North Melbourne, and Loch Bracken who played for Parkside, then Albert Park where he was a committee member and also played for Carlton Football Club are ancestors of Dr. Patrick Bracken of Templemore Tipperary (Leader, Melbourne, Victoria, Saturday 2nd May 1874, Page 19, FOOTBALL; Lachlan James "Lock" Bracken, Blueseum, Carlton Football Club Player Museum).

Archie first identified playing in 1884 with NMFC's junior third twenty team

The first record submitted below is evidence of Archie "Guest," picked to play for North's third twenty, considered to be by the present researcher as a pop-up team of the NMFC. His team mate Tom Peter is further marked also below (Hotham, Second Twenty v Courtney United, "Guest" picked to play for Courtenay United, The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria, Friday 18th July 1884, Page 4, Athletic Sports):



Hotham, second twenty, v Courtney United on
the Hotham Recreation Reserve Hotham team--
Alessandro, Adams (vice), Bell, Beveridge, Bren-
nan (capt.), Bradley, Crooble, Chandler, Cook, (?),
Devine, Gilchrist, Hall, Haydon, Laergan, More-
wood, McCarthy, McIntosh, Rojo, Robertson,
Bayers, Stevens. Courtney United team: -Hornier
(?), Cuthane, Doran, Dixon, Daw, Gardiner, Guest,
Hagin, Hodge, Lonsdale, Medley, Peters, Roberts,
Shaw, Tooley, Wells, Wilson, Williams (?).

It is learned that NMFC's third twenty open aged team Archie Guest and Tom Peters played for was called Courtenay United and raised to accommodate the swelling number of new players to club in 1883 (Refer also Courtenay Football Club established by at least 1883; and fixtured to player other teams in the junior league, in Williamstown Advertiser, Victoria, Saturday 14th April 1883, Page 3, Football).

Archie at the time was 18 years old and he as his team mate, and probable school mate, Tom Peters probably played together for successive seasons at NMFC 1884-1886, and then crossing over together to play in the seniors at Williamstown Football Club prior to the start of the 1887 VFA season.

The third open age team raised by NMFC was North's response to the swelling number of young men wanting to football play for NMFC at the time. The club was attracting over 5000 spectators to their matches as early as 1881 (Australasian, Melbourne, Victoria, Saturday 17th September 1881, Page 12, Melbourne v Hotham).

St Mary's Anglican School, founded in 1853, is less than 50 meters from the front door of the Guest family home at 34 Leveson Street Hotham. It is the school Archie and his siblings attended, as did many of Archie, Jack and Will Guest's NMFC team mates (Guest family of St Mary's Anglican Parish, 30th August 2022, St Mary's Anglican Church, 430 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne).

The NMFC records for Archie's middle brother Jack Guest (1860-1922) help to separate the playing profiles of the two brothers. Jack was born John Henry Guest and the NMFC records style him as "Mr. J. Guest" ... "Team Secretary" ... of the Club's "second 20" team.

Other NMFC records by the way of newspaper clippings show older brother Will Guest (Mr. W.L. Guest) played in both North's first twenty and second twenty teams, beginning from the earliest record as 16 years old in 1876, with the last recorded for him as a player in 1885 submitted below (Hotham United v Brunswick United at Royal Park, the Herald, Melbourne, Victoria, Friday 8th May 1885, Page 4, Football, "Guest" selected to play). Whereas, brothers Jack, then aged 14 in 1876, and Archie Guest, then aged 10 years are eliminated as players from NMFC records for 1876, clearly too young to don the North guernsey, making certain the Guest player picked was eldest brother William Langford Guest):

Jack and Archie's 1886 season with North Melbourne FC

A photograph of the back-to-back reserve grade (junior) VFA premiership won by NMFC team was given to Jack Guest (1860-1922) by his players in late March 1888, and documented within NMFC's Annual Report and publicly listed as part of NMFC 1888 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

If a copy of this lost photograph by the Guest family can be recovered, it would provide evidence that Archie, played in the 1886 second twenty premiership team for NMFC, under his brother's coaching (Refer: Jack Guest's identification of NMFC reserve grade back-to-back premiership as coach and him being awarded by his players the back-to back premiership teams photograph, cited in the North Melbourne Advertiser, Saturday 31st March 1888, Page 3, North Melbourne Football Club – "Mr Guest, Secretary [Coach] of the Second Twenty Premiers Two Years Running Appointed for 1888 Season"; c.f. Mr. J. Guest elected in 1886, Team Secretary, Second Twenty).

Alternatively, recovery of the missing photograph would further help to determine, whether or not, Archie played that year in either NMFC's first twenty or third twenty team.

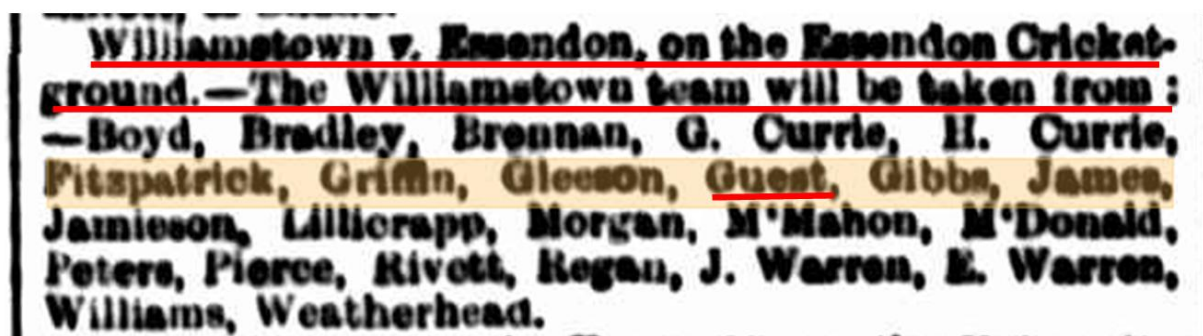
The present researcher's search for the NMFC's player's gift to their coach, middle brother Mr. J. Guest (Mr. J.H. Guest/Mr John Henry Guest), the back-to-back premiership photograph, has fallen short.

Noting further that older brother Will and his wife Bridget "Louisa" Guest, nee Costello's genealogical legacy was extinguished in 1963. This is when both of their spinster daughters died that year. In 1948, their only son, John William Langford Guest (died 1948) died unmarried and without issue.

The present researcher is inclined to view Archie's elevation in 1886 to either the second twenty team playing in the premiership or the first twenty. The reasoning is that by the start of the 1887 VFA season he is picked to play in Williamstown Football Clubs senior team and a jump from NMFC thirds team would be a stretch. Particularly when other evidence is submitted showing he was picked to play in Williamstown's senior team as late as 1890.

Archie's 1887 season with Williamstown FC first twenty

Archie lined up for Williamstown's senior twenty team against Essendon at the Essendon Cricket Ground on Saturday 30th April 1887. He is depicted simply below as player Guest (The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Saturday 30th April 1887, Page 12, Football):



His mate Tom "Dutchy" Peters was also picked to play and their early selection indicates they transferred from NMFC (Hotham) at the end of the 1886 season and performed well in the pre-season matatches. They were joined by Joey Tankard who left NMFC under a cloud. Other non-football evidence makes him a dark figure (The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Monday 15th November, 1886, Page 4, Alleged Outrage at Royal Park); and altogether in character and association are Archie Guest and Tom Peters.

Joey Tankard is recorded playing his first game later in the season suggesting his transfer occurred later than that of Archie and Tom and after the 1887 VFA season had commenced.

The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Monday 11th July 1887, Page 10, names Joey Tankard and Tom Peters as two of three ex-Hothamite players lining up in their first match against their old club Hotham for Williamstown as amongst Williamstown's best players that day. Whilst Archie was not singled out, doubtless is that he is the third player who played that day lining up against his old club Hotham (NMFC) (*emphasis mine*):

Additional interest was lent to the match on it becoming known that three who had previously been members of the Hotham club would be included in the Williamstown team. A promise, it is said, had been given that such should not be permitted. However, they were allowed to play on Saturday, and the matter may come on for consideration at the next meeting of the association.

Williamstown's best v Hotham FC ... (Joey) "Tankard", (Tom) "Peters"

<p>HOTHAM V. WILLIAMSTOWN.</p> <p>On Saturday these clubs met for the first time this season, and the former played their first match since their return from Tasmania, the result being a very closely contested game. About 2,000 spectators were on the ground—the Williamstown Garden-reserve. Owing to the sandy nature of the soil, and it being well covered with grass, the recent heavy rains did not in the least interfere with the play. <u>Additional interest was lent to the match on it becoming known that three who had previously been members of the Hotham club would be included in the Williamstown team. A promise, it is said, had been given that such should not be permitted. However, they were allowed to play on Saturday, and the matter may come on for consideration at the next meeting of the association.</u> Mr. Thewlis acted as umpire, and his decisions in the matter of free kicks were frequently objected to by Williamstown supporters, but as the play throughout was very fast, and at times fierce, absolute perfection in this direction could not be expected. Iolo captained Hotham, and McDonald Williamstown. A perfect calm in the weather prevailed during the game. Griffin obtained a mark, which enabled him to have a direct shot for goal, the first of the day. He chose a place kick for the effort, but failed to score either goal or behind. The ball still hung around the Williamstown goal, and H. Currie got a mark near to it, but he did not try to score. At last Hotham got the ball away nearly to the centre, but only a few minutes elapsed before it was back again, and amidst tremendous excitement amongst the spectators, H. Currie got a mark with in front, the result being that he scored the first goal of the day in fine style for Williamstown. Out of a hot scrimmage Gibbs kicked second goal for Williamstown. Kicked off, the ball at once moved towards the Williamstown end, and one of their men, securing a favourable opportunity, had a long shot for goal, but only a behind resulted—the first score made by the visitors. At quarter time the score was 1—Williamstown, 2 goals; Hotham, 4 behinds. At length Christian kicked first goal for Hotham, and Gibbs soon scored third goal for the home team. Williams scored second goal for the visitors. Williams got a mark just before half time rang, and very cleverly scored fourth goal for Williamstown—Williamstown, 4 goals 2 behinds; Hotham, 2 goals 4 behinds. Hotham then got 1st goal for the visitors. Up and down play now prevailed, in which the players showed about equal skill, and both sides had fruitless shots for goal. Later on Iolo, in aiming for goal, scored a behind. At last Gibbs secured the ball, which had been marked to him after it had been driven from the Hotham end, and kicked fourth goal for the visitors. This was by far the cleverest kick of the day, for the shot had to be made from an extremely awkward angle. A few minutes subsequently three-quarter time rang, the score being 1—Hotham, 4 goals 6 behinds; Williamstown, 4 goals 2 behinds. The interest amongst the spectators now became intense. Out of a scrimmage a few seconds later on G. Currie kicked fifth goal for Williamstown. Christian kicked fifth goal for Hotham a few minutes before the bell rang. The final result was:— Hotham, 5 goals 6 behinds; Williamstown, 5 goals 4 behinds. Those who played well for Hotham were Todd, Christian, Sykes, Gibson, and Houston; and for Williamstown the two Curries, Gibbs, Morgan, Boyd, Fitzpatrick, Tankard, Williams, and Peters.</p>	
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Archie "Guest" 1888 season with Williamstown FC first twenty

Submitted below is strong suggestive evidence of him holding down his place in Williamstown FC senior team in 1888 picked to do battle against Melbourne on the MCG on Saturday 21st April 1888 (Williamstown Advertiser, Victoria, Saturday 21st April 1888, Page 3, Football):

Cook and Harvey.
Williamstown v Melbourne.—To be played on the M. C. ground; meet at Spencer street at 2.15. Team:— Butterworth, Cooper, Currie, Claringbould, Edwards, Freeth, Fryer, Gibbs, **Guest**, Griffin, Henderson, W. H. Jones, Munro, Orr, Outrim, Pierce, Peters, Reid, Smith, Sutton, Skinner, Ward, Warren, Williams, Williamson.

Archie “Guest” 1889 season with Williamstown FC first twenty (assumed)

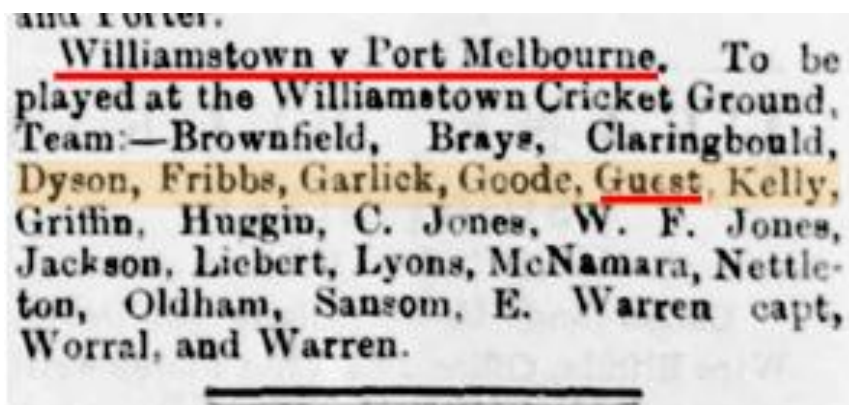
A match day record listing players for Williamstown FC for the 1889 season escapes this research for Archie “Guest”. That year 1889, was the year Archie and his sibling’s assisted executor of their late father’s estate.

Whilst not able to declare at this stage a definitive positive match between the player Guest and Archie at Williamstown Football Club 1887-1890, Club historian and curators found in 1889, player Guest, shifted for one season to North Williamstown Junior Football Club (junior league) closer to the place Archie worked) and returned to play once more for the seagulls in 1890.

Whereby Gerard Drew was able to confirm player Guest in his return year 1890 Captain the senior twenty team in a match against Richmond on the MCG (Drew, G, 2025, Investigation of the Identities of Archie Guest and Williamstown Player Guest.

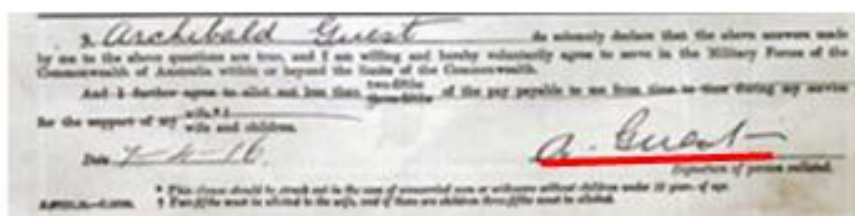
1890 season with Williamstown FC first twenty

The present researcher’s grandfather Archie “Guest” was picked to play for Williamstown’s first twenty against Port Melbourne at the Williamstown Cricket Ground on Saturday 5th July 1890 (Williamstown Advertiser, Victoria, Saturday 5th July 1890; Page 2, Football):



Presented with the fresh evidence Williamstown Football Club’s Heritage Curator, Mr Gerard Drew, agreed in 2024 that Archie Guest, was near certain to be the ex-Hothamite (NMFC) player matching a faded signature on the clubs books and he Archie, netted as many as 17 games and kicked 2 goals playing for the Williamstown first twenty team in 1887, 1888 and 1890.

This fresh evidence overturned an historical scribble error for “a.Guest” when Archie’s signature and player history was read as “c.Guest” by a past historian of the club. That historian of the Williamstown Football Club subsequently mistakenly matched “c.Guest” to a VFA player Charles Guest proven not to be a Williamstown player and Archie Guest to their player (Australian Imperial Force’s, AIF, Archibald Guest, enlistment form, Melbourne, 7th April 1916, V39955 – Archie lowered his age below 44 to qualify):



This Charles Guest, no relation, was identified to be an ex-Tasmanian player of altogether of a later rising generation. He played 5 games for Richmond Football Club in 1905 (cf., Launceston Football Club, source: Bartlett R & Ruddell T, 1979, Richmond FC: "The Tigers: A Century of League Football - Interviews by Rhett Bartlett & Historical Essays by Trevor Ruddell," held by the National Library of Australia; see also: Bartlett & Ruddell, 2024, "Richmond Football Club history, 1885- Now, VFA Players 1885-1907, Online).

Archie's school years at St Mary's Anglican Parish School Quensberry Steet, Hotham

Archie's eldest's sibling Will Guest (1860-1922) was the first to enrol at St Mary's Anglican Parish, Hotham established in 1853 (North Melbourne Anglican Church, 2024, "A Short History of Saint Mary's and North Melbourne). Will was then aged 6 years in 1867. He previously attended for one year, an unknown school in East Collingwood whilst the Guest family home at 34 Leveson Street was being built and readied for occupation in 1866.

Archie was enrolled by his mother in 1871 aged 5 years and also completed school to leaving level, as did Will, Jack and Louisa Guest (1868-1941). All of Archie's three surviving siblings received the same solid education at St Mary's, including Archie's beloved sister Louisa also completing school to leaving level.

Much credit for the up bringing and opportunities presented to siblings Will, Jack Archie and Louisa Guest (1868-1941) must be given to widow mother, Matilda Mangam Guest (1835-1884), nee Connolly, our earliest Australian paternal pioneer matriarch. My great grandmother and patrilineal matriarch of the Guest family of Melbourne that the researcher and his offspring with Elizabeth Ellen Guest (1963-), enjoys, is given to Matilda. Great nan ensured they all remained schooled at St Mary's Anglican School, Hotham (North Melbourne), until they completed leaving level (Administrator, 2022, St Mary's Anglican Parish School, North Melbourne Anglican Parish).

My grand father Archie Guest (1866-1932) was born in Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria on the 8th January 1866 to John Kidd Guest (1831-1871) and Matilda Guest (1835-1884), nee Connolly and a facsimile of his detailed birth record follows (Name: Archibald Guest; Birth Date: 8th January 1866; Birth Place: Carlton, Victoria; Registration Year: 1866; Registration Place: Victoria, Australia; Father: John Guest; Mother: Matilda Connolly; Registration Number: 3564):

SCHEDULE A.					
BIRTHS in the District of Melbourne (North) in the Colony					
1866	8th Jan	Archibald	John Guest	33 years	Matilda Guest
			Labourer	Carlton	formerly Connolly
			33 years	Carlton	30 years
			Carlton	Victoria	Carlton
			Carlton	Victoria	3564

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SECTION FIVE

The football biographies of the rising sons of the the three brothers Guest, pioneer players of the North Melbourne Football Club & Williamstown Football Club (Archie Guest).

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BOB GUEST 1943- CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB

As previously mentioned, Bob is the grandson of Jack (John) Henry Guest 1862-1922 of the North Melbourne Football & Cricket Clubs and the grandnephew of Archie and Will Guest, cousin of lower grade Carlton and Fitzroy player Jack Guest.

Bob is a PhD and gave up football for academic pursuits. In Bob's youth, he was an accomplished Australian Rules footballer and played in the 1963 Carlton Football Club Under 19 premiership team (Source: Sanderson, J, 2023, Blueseum - History of the Carlton Football Club):



Bob's is pictured above, with his premiership team mates in 1963 and in context of Australian rules football Adrian "Gags" Gallagher and Denis Pagan are household names.

Bob was the club's Under 19 representative for the U/19 national carnival representing Victoria as ruck man.

Submitted overleaf is his Carlton football club career biography also researched from club records and published by Dr Jamie Sanderson, Curator of the Carlton Football Club's Blueseum, Carlton Players Virtual Record Museum.



Robert Guest



Robert Guest played as a Ruckman in the 1963 U19s Carlton premiership side.

Early in 1963 he was picked to represent the club at an interstate carnival in South Australia.

Since then Bob met his future wife, Sandy while both teaching at Shepparton South Tech. After football and starting a family Bob completed a Master of Education at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in 1988 and earned his PhD at the University of Calgary in 1992. Upon retirement from education, he worked for 10 years as an Electoral Official for the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Robert is cousin of Carlton Thirds player from the 1930s, [Jack Guest](#).

Carlton Football Club records for Bob Guest have him lining up in back pocket for the 1963 Under 19 grand final in which they beat Essendon (Dr Sanderson, 2023):

Carlton: 12 goals, 11 behind, 83 points

Essendon: 6 goals, 9 behinds, 43 points

On May 25, in round 6, the VFL Football Record reported that Chris Challenger and Robert [Bob] Guest are the Carlton representatives for the VFL U19's team to play the South Australian Colts in Adelaide on June 10. Bob got a mention more than once as one of the best players that year [mine]:

May 10

Carlton played Essendon

Carlton lost; 9.6.60 - 10.14.74

Goals; Lambert 3, Gallagher 2, Gordon, Johannsen, Parry, Somerville

*Best; Stone, Morrison, Kemp, **Guest**, Challenger, Hayes*

Then ...

Carlton 8.9.57

North Melbourne 8.7.55

Goals: Chris Challenger 3, J Somerville 2, J Spiden 1, Ron Stone 1, Nagel 1.

*Best: Adrian Gallagher, C Noonan, Peter J. Smith, **R Guest**, G Adams, Gorman.*

Below is a photograph taken of the 50 years on, blue boys of '63 reunion of the surviving members of Carlton's Under 19 Premiership team. They gathered at Percy Jones's Pub in Carlton to reminisce (Source: Tony de Bolfo, "50 years on, blue boys of '63 reunite," Spirit of Carlton Past and Present, representing the past players and officials of the Carlton Football Club team of 1963):



For those who know there AFL, Dennis Pagan, front left is a genuine AFL legend playing for North Melbourne but also coached North Melbourne to premiership success and later coaching Carlton. Adrian "Gags" Gallagher also went on and became a VFL champion premiership player in the senior team for Carlton (Premiership player 1968, 1970, 1972).

Bob was absent and missed the reunion, whilst his team mate Pete Smith attempted to track him down, Pete was unaware Bob was in Canada with wife Sandy.

Bob's team mate Pete Smith, who helped organise the reunion along with the Carlton Football Club, wrote about the reunion making special mention that "other players from the '63 year - Gerry Nagel, Alan Grace, Bob Cohen, Doug Thomas and Robert Guest - couldn't be located for the purposes of the reunion, and as Smith suggested, "Maybe we'll track them down in time for the 51".

Bob's Canadian born wife Sandy Guest, nee Brummitt, also taught at Shepperton South Technical School, Goulburn Ovens TAFE and finished her career with the Department of Primary Industries. Sandy Guest, born in Calgary Alberta, Canada is the daughter of William James Brummitt and Beatrice Mabel Brummitt (nee Beesley) had an accomplished career in the Vocational Education Training sectors in Australia and Canada. In 1995 Sandy was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for Quality Management and Community Development in how communities address challenges and the role of educational leadership. A summary of Sandy's career profile is submitted on the next page.

Skilled Volunteer

Leadership Victoria

- Delivery of mentor training and evaluation
- Evaluation of specific projects e.g., Leadership Development Vicsport, Melton Festival for Healthy Living

Employment Background.

- Worked in range of Human Resource/Organisational Development roles in the State Public Sector.
- Secondary/Tertiary Teacher - Canada and Australia (Communications, English, Special Needs Students)

Qualifications

Education and Training

- Master of Business - Human Resource Management
- Master of Education
- Graduate Diploma of Education
- Bachelor of Education

Organisational Development Field

- Certificate in Professional Coaching
- Certificate in Corporate Investigations
- Diploma of Front-Line Management
- Certificate IV in Business Excellence Evaluation
- Certificate IV Workplace Trainer and Assessor

Key work experience

Evaluation (social impact Not-for-Profit Sector)

Leadership Development

Continuous Improvement – Process Management

Talent Management/Succession Management

Team Development

Mentoring-Coaching

Mediation

Workplace Culture

Project Management

Teaching at Secondary and Tertiary Levels (English, Communications and Special Needs Students)

Churchill Fellowship 1996-Quality Management –Community Development

How communities address challenges and role of educational institutions harnessing community leadership

Current Interests

Committee Member U3A Hobson Bay/Williamstown

Skilled Volunteer with Leadership Victoria

Traveller

Field Hockey –volunteer for Altona Club

Volunteer with Incubate Foundation (working with young African –Australians contributing their talents in every walk of life)

Bob and Sany Guest's two sons were exceptional field hockey players and have left their mark in international sport. First born Aaron James Guest (1980-) arrived when the Guests were living in Canada and technically therefore a Canadian.

Before settling back in Vancouver, Aaron Guest (1980-) graduated with a double degree in Engineering/Science from the University of Melbourne. He is presently a partner in a small Engineering company specialising in structural engineering design solutions for private and public infrastructure projects. Aaron like his younger brother Matt, also has a long sporting history with hockey. Aaron is pictured below coaching the Canadian National Junior team:



Aaron and Matthew Guest started their junior hockey in Shepparton, where they played on a number of representative teams. Aaron represented hockey at the Provincial level when he lived in Alberta and was the National coach for the Canadian Men's Junior Hockey team from 2010 to 2013. Aaron and Matt Guest are pictured below in Vancouver playing club hockey together:



Matthew Guest (1985-) also known as Dr Matthew Guest (1985-), M. D , was a Canadian Olympian. Matt studied medicine at Melbourne University and graduated in 2009 and currently resided and practices medicine as a medical doctor in Melbourne. He was born on April 26, 1985 in Shepperton and currently is the registrar of Intensive Care with Barwon Health, based at the Geelong Hospital.

Matt enjoyed a successful elite field hockey career representing Canada at the Olympic level at Rio in 2016 (Image source: Field Hockey Canada, 2016, Mathew Guest, Vancouver [Former, Shepperton & Altona, Victoria, Australia, Forward, Pictured 3rd from the left):



Matt is pictured below and to the right he is captured in action playing field hockey for the Canadian national field hockey team playing against Argentina in Rio:



Matthew played more than 110 senior national games (caps) since making his debut in 2008. He helped Canada win the silver medal at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, scoring a hat trick in Canada's opening match victory over Trinidad and Tobago.

Matt ended the tournament as Canada's second-leading scorer with seven goals. He scored three more goals at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto where Canada again won silver. Just a couple of weeks earlier, he competed with the squad that defeated New Zealand in a quarterfinal shootout at the FIH World League Semi-finals, a win that would eventually secure Canada's qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympics where he made his Olympic debut. Matt previously made two Commonwealth Games appearances, in 2010 and 2014.

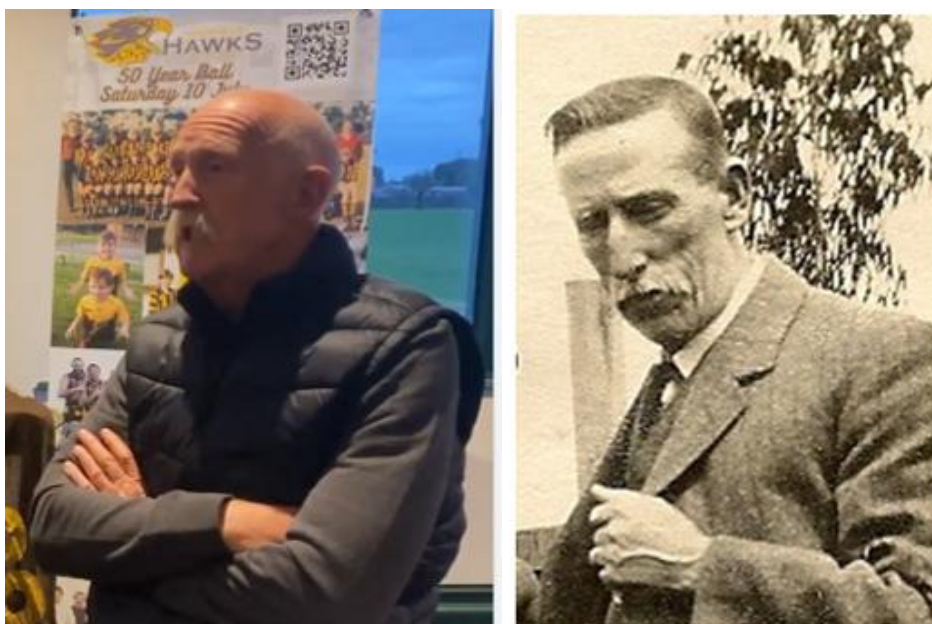
He was part of Canada's silver medal run at the 2013 Pan Am Cup and the second-place finish at the 2014 Champions Challenge 1 in Malaysia. During his elite playing career, he has endured numerous major injuries.

The remaining section of this book under Part 1 – The Guest paternal football history following the grass roots career of continuous sons of rising generations descending from John Kidd Guest 1832-1871, ex Templemore, Tipperary and subsequently late of 34 Leveson Street North Melbourne taking first the other males springing from Archie Guest's middle brother Jack (John) Henry Guest 1862-1922.

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PETER GUEST (1953-) – BRUNSWICK & HADFIELD FCs

The author's cousin by degree, Peter Guest (1953-) is pictured below far left and is the image of his great grandfather Jack (John) Henry Guest (1862-1922). Peter no doubt inherited more than his physical traits and also love of football: :



Peter is regarded as an exceptional contributor to the grass roots football in Melbourne. He was a champion local footballer and successful administrator. He started his playing days as a junior for Brunswick and played in successive premierships sides for Brunswick reserve team in the VFA (Victorian Football Association (VFA) in 1971 and 1972. This was when the VFA competition almost rivalled Australia's elite VFL competition.

Submitted below are two handwritten notes made by his coach Robinson for the 1971 grand final when Brunswick reserved (Division 2) defeated Box Hill. The note on the right records Peter kicking a goal in the team that beat Frankston to win the 1971 VFA reserve premiership:

GRAND FINAL 4-9-71
BRUNSWICK v. BOX HILL.

Tucknott	Skidmore	Stewart
Fewster	Atkinson	Gumlan
	Legden	
Barley	Allen	Datsun
Hawkins	Rowe	Ryan
Whelan		
B. Howard	17 th High	18 th <u>GUEST</u>
J. Howard		

B. WICK	3-4	5-6	6-3	1-1	=	15-14
B. Hill	4-2	1-2	4-2	4-3	=	13-10

Hawkins 5. Allen 5. Barley 3. Whelan 2.

BEST: Whelan. B. Howard. Barley. Atkinson.

GRAND FINAL 9-9-72
BRUNSWICK v. FRANKSTON

D. BAILEY	E. FORD	H. RYAN
D. SKIDMORE	T. EBBAN	<u>P. GUEST</u>
	L. FEWSTER	
J. WILLIAMS	D. BAIRD	E. MCCABE
J. ELLIS	B. ANDERSON	F. ROBINSON
J. DENMEAD		
S. LEWIS	17. C. HOKAY	18. A. DATSUN
J. BRIGHAM		

B. WICK	2-3, 10-4, 1-2, 6-5	=	19-14
FRANKSTON	3-3, 2-3, 5-6, 2-4	=	12-16

ELLIS 5. WILLIAMS 4. BAIRD 3. ROBINSON 1. MCCABE 1
LEWIS 1. SKIDMORE 1. ANDERSON 1. DATSUN 1. GUEST 1

BEST: BRIGHAM, ELLIS, ANDERSON, WILLIAMS.

The year prior he played for Brunswick VFA Under 19s along with notable North Melbourne great, Wayne Schimmelbush. The pictured below back row first, left to right, features: Chris Hadzillias (obscured, wearing civil clothing), Wayne Schimmelbush, then Peter Guest, followed by Allan Holman, Terry Fitzell, Phill Liakorreas, Garry Humphrey, Dennis Ralph, David Bailey, Wayne Cargill, Peter and Harold Smith, Tommy Angel, Rhino, Macca? Price? Beattie, Rodney Burrows, Bruce Hutchison, Nipper Daniels, Chicko, Claw and Tommy Harris, Team Manager also pictured:



Peter's brother David Russell Guest (1955-) also played for Brunswick's Under 19s team in 1971. It is Peter who went on to play for Brunswick senior team in 1973 and 1974 in the VFA competition from 1972 until 1974 (Source VFA Project – Player Profile for Peter Guest, Brunswick Football Club). He then transferred to Hadfield Football Club in the Essendon District Football League (EDFL) with his brother David. Hadfield is located about 10 kilometres north of Melbourne CBD, between Fawkner and Glenroy, where cousin, Albert Alfred "Nipper" Guest (1936-1990, late of Mornington, previously lived.

The records further show Peter was amongst the best players in Hadfield Football Club's premiership win in 1979, B Grade Grand Final: Hadfield 9 goals 14 behinds, 68 points, defeated Strathmore 9 goals 12 behinds, 66 points (Hadfield Football Club History - 1961 to 2018, Hadfield Hawks, 6th Edition, p12). Peter was Vice Captain and Assistant Coach in this premiership year for Hadfield):

SENIOR: PREMIERSHIPS – 1971, 1979, 1989			
1971 C Grade Grand Final: Hadfield defeated West Coburg			
Best (Hadfield)			
Peter Stewart	Mick Cusack	Robert Rea	Brian Scott
Ray Camilleri	Anton Pignolet		
1979 B Grade Grand Final: Hadfield 9.14.68 Defeated Strathmore 9.12.66			
Best (Hadfield)			
Mark Duckworth	Barry English	Dennis McNamara	Noel Box
Greg Mckerchar	Leigh Casey	Peter Guest	Shane Duggan
Goals (Hadfield)			
Dennis McNamara 4	Barry English 2	Bernie Drebing 2	
1989 B Grade Grand Final: Hadfield Defeated Keilor Park			
Hadfield 14.11.95 Defeated Keilor Park 10.10.70			
Best (Hadfield)			
Mark Stefanac	Michael Dodorico	Chris Drain	Cameron Don
Peter Gleisner	Garry Marshall		
Goals (Hadfield)			
Mark Stefanac 5			
Runners Up: 1975 1977 1978 1988 1997 1999			

In 2001, Peter was inducted into the Club's team of the century in the position ruck rover (onballer) (Hadfield Football Club History - 1961 to 2018, Hadfield Hawks, 6th Edition, p29):

TEAM OF CENTURY – 30TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2001 the football club celebrated its Team of the Century many ex-players and supporters returned to the club to celebrate the evening held at the Don Pavilion attended by over 220 people. Peter Whittle was named Captain of the team, Peter Gleisner Vice Captain and 1979 Premiership Captain & Coach Alan Dalton was selected as Coach.

To qualify: playing criteria was 50 games and/or 3 years of service.

TEAM OF THE CENTURY

BACKS	Robert REA	Will GLENN	Ron THORSEN
HALF BACKS	Peter GLEISNER (VC)	Chris DRAIN	Peter STEWART
CENTRES	Craig BURROWS	Shane DUGGAN	Chris MALTEZOS
HALF FORWARDS	Alby GALUCCI	David HEGARTY	Michael DODORICO
FORWARDS	Marcus LEONARD	David JEWELL	Arthur CANN
RUCKS	Bernie DREBING	Peter GUEST	Peter WHITTLE (C)
INTERCHANGE	Doug MITCHELL	Mark STEFANAC	Paul LEWIS
	Ken INGRAM		
EMERGENCY	Don GREIG		
TRAINER	Brian WENDLEMAN		
COACH	Alan DALTON		
TEAM MANAGER	Peter WALKER		



Public recognition given to Peter and his peers in the local Leader Newspaper (Source: Herald Sun, Melbourne):

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Hadfield's greatest

Football: EDFL

Team of the Century

BACKS: Robert Rea, Will Glenn, Ron Thorsen
HALF-BACKS: Peter Gleisner, Chris Drain, Peter Stewart
CENTRES: Chris Maltezos, Shane Duggan, Craig Burrows
HALF-FORWARDS: Alby Gallucci, David Hegarty, Michael Doderico
FORWARDS: Marcus Leonard, David Jewell, Arthur Cann
RUCKS: Bernie Drebing, Peter Guest
ROVER: Peter Whittle (capt)
INTERCHANGE: Mark Stefanac, Ken Ingram, Paul Lewis, Doug Mitchell
COACH: Alan Dalton
TEAM MANAGER: Peter Walker
TRAINER: Brian Wendleman

and '89 premierships. Played into his late 40s.

■ **Peter Guest:** Recruited from Brunswick, the tough on-baller was never beaten. He played in the 1979 premiership, coached and became president.

■ **Peter Whittle:** Played all his juniors at Hadfield. The 1989 premiership captain/coach and number one rover was always at the bottom of the packs getting the ball to team-mates. He had stints in the Northern Territory and Wagga Wagga. Represented in the Northern Territory's all-star team.

■ **Mark Stefanac:** Played juniors and progressed to seniors in 1989 as 17-year-old kicking five goals in the grand final. Consistent ball winner with great skills.

■ **Ken Ingram:** Recruited from Coburg in 1997, he coached for three years achieving runners-up twice. A very strong and accurate goal kicker.

■ **Paul Lewis:** Dour defender recruited from Glenroy, he held down key positions on back line. Good mark and kick. Very disciplined.

■ **Doug Mitchell:** Played all his juniors at Hadfield. Wingman/half-forward with good skills and great fitness. Premiership player in 1979.

■ **Alan Dalton:** Recruited from Brunswick in 1979, he was captain/coach of that year's premiership team. A centurion who created play, determined and ahead of his time. Masterminded the 1979 premiership victory after bad injury early in first quarter.

■ **Brian Wendleman:** Affectionately known as Doc. Involved at the club for more than 15 years as trainer. Helped out EDFL umpires as trainer in later years.

■ **Peter Walker:** Been involved at the club for more than 30 years, from player to president to team manager. He is still team manager of seniors.

■ **Robert Rea:** The 1971 and '79 premiership player was chosen for his versatility in the centre and half-forward flank. A creative playmaker with quick hands.

■ **Will Glenn:** Played with the juniors before progressing to seniors. An excellent full-back with strong marking abilities, accurate kick and disciplined.

■ **Ron Thorsen:** Played juniors for many years, had a stint at Brunswick VFA and could play any key position.

■ **Peter Gleisner:** A 1989 premiership player, strong, robust action and won plenty of hard balls. He could play centre and on the ball.

■ **Chris Drain:** A 1989 premiership player, he took over as the number one ruckman to Bernie Drebing. Could play all key positions.

■ **Peter Stewart:** The mobile hard-hitting defender played in 1971 premiership team but missed the '79 premiership due to suspension.

■ **Chris Maltezos:** Recently retired, he could play rover and was very quick and agile on the wing. A 1989 premiership player.

■ **Shane Duggan:** A gifted centurion with great skills could play across half-back. Played at Carlton before returning for the 1979 premiership.

■ **Craig Burrows:** The current senior captain/coach is highly skilled and very quick.

■ **Alby Gallucci:** Played mainly on wing, very skilful and quick. A 1979 premiership player.

■ **David Hegarty:** Excellent mark and accurate kick, could play key positions.

■ **Michael Doderico:** Played juniors before progressing to seniors, very skilful forward. Currently playing at Strathmore in A grade.

■ **Marcus Leonard:** One of the quickest in the team and a very skilful rover, played in 1979 premiership.

■ **David Jewell:** Played all his juniors at Hadfield including 1979 premiership before playing at Oak Park for a number of years. Developed into a key forward with a good pair of hands.

■ **Arthur Cann:** Could play anywhere with great skills on both sides of his body, played at Carlton and Preston.

■ **Bernie Drebing:** Played more than 400 games of senior footy at the club. Dominant ruckman of his era who played in the 1979

The Hadfield Football Club, recently struck the following memorabilia to commemorate the team of the century illustrating the significance of the award to grantees from the club's perspective, in which Peter is featured:

TEAM OF THE 20TH CENTURY

1971 Premiership Side Open Age "C" Grade Essendon District Football League

1979 Premiership Side "B" Grade Essendon District Football League

1989 Premiership Side "B" Grade Essendon District Football League

2001 Premiership Side Victorian Womens Football League Division 2

2015 Premiership Side 2nd Division Essendon District Football League

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Continuing to play on into the 1988 season, Peter Guest (1953-) won the clubs reserved Best & Fairest award, the Jan Singles Memorial Trophy (Hadfield Football Club History - 1961 to 2018, Hadfield Hawks, 6th Edition, p29):

RESERVES BEST & FAIREST JAN SINGLES MEMORIAL TROPHY			
1971	NO TEAM	1972	PAUL PENNISI
1973	BRIAN RANSOME	1974	BRIAN RANSOME
1975	GARY ELMS	1976	BRIAN RANSOME
1977	LINDSAY WILSON	1978	PETER WILLIAMS
1979	IAN HANSEN	1980	IAN HANSEN (A3) LES OGIER
1981	MICK BARRON (A3) RAY CAMILLERI	1982	WAYNE BAKER
1983	BRAD KEATING	1984	PETER WALKER (A3) TOM PAXTON
1985	RON AHERN	1986	GARY MARSHALL
1987	BRUCE PEARCE	1988	PETER GUEST
1989	STEVE PAYNTING	1990	RUSSELL WALKER
1991	RAY CHEESEMAN	1992	BERNIE DREBING
1993	BRAD GORDON	1994	BERNIE DREBING
1995	BRAD TOMKINSON	1996	BERNIE DREBING
1997	GAETANO SAGGIO	1998	BRIAN DELANEY
1999	JUSTIN RENTON	2000	BRIAN DELANEY
2001	BRIAN DELANEY	2002	BRIAN DELANEY
2003	GRANT COOPER	2004	STEVE CAMPBELL
2005	ALAN KERR	2006	MOHAMMED EL-MASSRI DANNY MOHAMMED
2007	TAREK KASSEM	2008	ANDREW MIHALAKOS
2009	ASHRAF ALAMEDDINE	2010	MO ELADIBIDI
2011	KHODER TALEB	2012	MAZIN ABBOUCHHI
2013	J.J. AFFENBERGER	2014	RAYMOND STOKES
2015	J PRATT	2016	N NASRA
2017	D MODOS	2018	R ELLAZ
2019		2020	

Below is a picture of Peter talking with a current member of the club Mick James sharing a social media post on 24th May 2021:



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RAY SWEENEY – COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

Ray is the son of Lorraine Valma Sweeney (1930-2019), nee Guest and Norm (Norman) Francis Sweeney and the 2nd great-grandson of Jack (John) Henry Guest 1862-1922, North Melbourne Football club stalwart, earlier pioneer footballer and premierships coach.

Ray was an outstanding sportsman. He began playing competitive football in 1966 with Reservoir Colts Junior Football Club in the Preston & District Football Association (PDJFA), playing with Reservoir Colts juniors from 1966 to 1970.

In 1971 Ray was recruited by the Collingwood Football Club where he began playing in the U19 VFL competition. He continued to play competitive water polo in the summer. He played water polo for Reservoir and was selected to represent Victoria in the national U18 championships.

Ray's wife Maryann in 1972 was a player in the Victorian U18 Water Polo team and in 1971 and 1972 Maryann Hopkins, later Sweeney, played senior Water Polo and twice was named Australian champion senior goal keeper.

Ray came under the gaze of Collingwood Football Club recruiters in the elite VFL competition and joined the Magpies U19s in 1971. At the pies, Ray became a record-breaking player for the Magpie U19 team.

He was a prolific goal kicker and still holds the club's U19s record of 215 goals in the U19 competition (Collingwood FC; Collingwood Forever). He further holds the record of being Collingwood Football Clubs only player in U19s to kick 11 goals on two occasions (Ibid CFC; Collingwood Forever). Below is a facsimile of how the pies U19 team lined up in the 1974 elimination final against Hawthorn with Ray at Full forward for the pies on Saturday 7th of September 1974 Source: VFL Football Record):

UNDER 19 GRADE MATCH DETAILS				STARTS 9.15 am
Collingwood Coach: DES HEALEY Captain: IVAN NEW Manager: A. WALLIS 4—ROBERT BIRD Age, Height, Weight, Recruited from 17, 188 (6.2), 85 (13.9), Tasmania 27—JERRY CARRIL 18, 188 (6.2), 82 (13.0), Kingsbury 7—GRAEME BUX 17, 180 (5.11), 80 (12.8), Reservoir East 8—GEOFF DEAN 19, 188 (6.2), 76 (12.0), Ivanhoe 47—JOHN EDMUNDS 17, 177 (5.10), 72 (11.3), Tasmania 9—WAYNE FREEMAN 18, 180 (5.11), 73 (11.7), Seaford 54—IDU HOCKINS 18, 177 (5.10), 73 (11.7), C'wood YCW 18—GARRY JESSOP 18, 182 (6.0), 80 (12.8), Thornbury 19—RUSSELL JESSOP 17, 180 (5.11), 75 (11.1), Thornbury 24—ROSS JOHNSON 18, 180 (6.0), 80 (12.8), Benalla 23—JOHN LAMB 18, 188 (6.2), 80 (12.8), Regent 11—ROBERT McEWAN 18, 177 (5.10), 72 (11.3), Nth. Reservoir 2—Ivan NEW 19, 180 (6.0), 82 (13.0), Hamilton 12—RAY SHEPHERD 19, 180 (5.11), 78 (12.4), Reservoir O.B. 25—PETER STAVROPOULOS 17, 188 (6.2), 90 (14.4), Fairfield 14—GRAEME STEVENS 19, 188 (6.2), 86 (13.9), Greenborough 15—PHILIP SPOTT 19, 180 (6.1), 84 (12.0), Greenborough 13—RAY SWEENEY 19, 188 (6.2), 82 (14.8), East Reservoir 27—PETER UREN 18, 188 (6.2), 82 (13.0), Temp. Duffon 14—GEOFF WALSH 18, 190 (6.2), 80 (12.8), Northcote Parks 17—TERRY WIGHT 18, 180 (6.1), 80 (12.8), Reservoir Colts		COLLINGWOOD Followup: (25) Stavropoulos (15) Spott (12) Shepherd (13) Sweeney (C.) (45) O'Halloran (H.) (14) Stevens (C.) (2) Brangrove (H.) (2) New (C.) (8) Birkett (H.) (24) Hocking (C.) (12) Hanna (H.) (27) Uren (C.) (9) Judd (H.) (18) G. Jessop (C.) (—) Rimington (H.) (37) Cahill (C.) (11) Vansittart (H.) (11) McEwan (C.) (3) Pothinghorne (H.) (17) Wight (C.) (28) Mitchell (H.) (4) Bird (C.) (23) Barrow (H.) (8) Dean (C.) (—) Landy (H.)		HAWTHORN Followup: (13) Harper (30) Goodman (2) Rose Coach: BRIAN COLEMAN Captain: MARK LANDY Manager: GEORGE MOULT 3—PETER ROSE Age, Height, Weight, Recruited from 19, 175 (5.9), 79 (12.4), Under 17s 3—GAVIN BRANGROVE 19, 180 (5.11), 81 (12.10), Sandhurst 5—DAVID FOLKINGHOE 18, 182 (6.0), 81 (12.10), Scotch College 4—DON BIRKETT 18, 177 (5.10), 72 (11.3), Burwood Shd. 8—GARY HALBERT 17, 175 (5.9), 68 (10.7), Under 17s 9—COLIN JUDG 18, 177 (5.10), 74 (12.0), Surrey Hills 10—KEN MCKAY 19, 182 (6.0), 79 (12.7), Cranbourne 11—ROGER VANSITTART 18, 190 (5.3), 90 (14.4), Under 17s 12—TIM HANNA 18, 180 (5.11), 70 (11.0), Under 17s 13—STEPHEN HARPER 18, 195 (6.3), 82 (13.0), North Kew 14—JOHN YARWOOD 19, 185 (6.1), 82 (13.0), Under 17s 17—MICHAEL TOLEMAN 18, 185 (6.1), 82 (13.2), Balmby 21—DAVID ALDER 18, 188 (6.2), 81 (12.10), Scotch College 23—BRUCE SAEEDOW 18, 172 (5.8), 71 (11.3), Adderbury 26—DON HARTLEY 18, 185 (6.1), 80 (12.8), Ashb. Mem. 28—RON MITCHELL 17, 190 (6.3), 85 (13.7), Under 17s 30—ROSS GOODMAN 18, 182 (6.0), 78 (12.5), Templestowe 45—DAVID O'HALLORAN 18, 188 (6.2), 82 (13.0), Ivanhoe Gram. —LANDY —RIMINGTON No numbers or details on Rimington or Landy supplied by Club.
COLLINGWOOD Reserves: From: (18) Walsh (21) Johnson (47) Edmunds (8) Butler		HAWTHORN Reserves: (10) McKay (17) Toleman		IMPIRES FIELD: P. O'Sullivan. BOUNDARY: J. Pearce, N. Walker. GOAL: H. Maguire, L. Butcher.

Also submitted is the VFL 2nd Semi Final against Footscray, where Ray was picked in his regular Full Forward position for Collingwood (Sources: Sun News Pictorial, September, 1974):

Reserve grade

First semi-final, at MCG, Carlton v. Geelong.

CARLTON

B.: Maclure, Trueman, Zoanetti.
HB: Robertson, O'Halloran, Hurst.
C.: Towns, Jackson, Smith, HF:
Byrne, Ruscuklic, Styles, F.: Potter,
Kennedy, Catoggio, Foll.: Pascoe,
Hall, Roy.: Mangels, Res.: Koele-
man, West, Em.: Kernan, Conroy,
Cheatley, Farquhar.

GEELONG

B.: Eddy, Lynch, Linka, HB:
Stevens, Lewtas, Scale, C.: Turner,
Doyle, Neal, HF: Davidson, Barkley,
Whatman, F.: Evans, Donohue,
Hughes, Foll.: Denath, Cassidy, Roy.:
Lindquist, Res.: Armour, I. Russell,
Emerg.: Thompson, Tonkins, Brooks,
Beggs, McLean.

Second semi-final, at VFL Park, Footscray v. Fitzroy.

FOOTSCRAY

B.: T. Wheeler, J. Davidson, Fox.
HB: C. Boyd, Simmons, McMillan,
C.: Wilkins, Whetton, Austin, HF:
Robertson, Templeton, Rasmussen,
F.: Geischen, Dunstan, Denis Col-
lins, Foll.: Bartlett, Brown, Roy.:
Burleigh, Res.: P. Morrison, Riord-
an, Emerg.: Boyle, Wickson, Cordy.

FITZROY

B.: Booth, Carter, Lloyd, HB:
O'Keefe, Smith, G. Robertson, C.:
Thompson, Dore, Linton, HF: Mc-
Mahon, Weatherly, Noonan, F.:
Duckworth, Formosa, Hayes, Foll.:
Sinclair, L. Robertson, Roy.: Jim
Christou, Res.: Harrington, John
Christou, Emerg.: Brain, Serinhi,
Whitford, Dwyer.

Under 19s

First semi-final at MCG, Essendon v. Hawthorn.

ESSENDON

B.: Powell, Lees, Berry.
H.B.: Hope, Lowe, Jacobs,
C.: Lepp, Demetriou, Boyse,
H.F.: Gasparini, McDonald, Jones,
F.: Young, Radchenko, Williams,
Foll.: Hatcher, McMillan,
Roy.: Racavolis,
Res.: Brand, Badcock,
Emerg.: Kelly, Maxwell, Mansfield.
Bus leaves Attwood's corner at 7.40
a.m.

HAWTHORN

B.: Brooks, O'Halloran, Elder.
H.B.: Birkett, Van Sittart, Yarwood,
C.: Bransgrove, Goodman, Hartley,
H.F.: Remington, Mitchell, Judd,
F.: Landy, McKay, Halbert,
Foll.: Harper, Zivillica,
Roy.: Rose,
Res. from: Barrow, Caine, Deason,
McGuinness, Toleman.

Second semi-final, at VFL Park, Footscray v. Collingwood.

FOOTSCRAY

B.: R. Davidson, Smithwick, Rough-
head,
H.B.: Dredge, Chadwick, Redford,
C.: Perussich, Dinatale, Duggan,
H.F.: Pocervina, Kruger, O'Brien,
F.: Hassett, Mandics, Anderson,
Foll.: Jacobson, A. Boyd,
Roy.: Cross,
Res. from: Taylor, Searle, Ryan,
Jakovidis, Sampson.
All players to be at Footscray Oval
at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

COLLINGWOOD

B.: G. Jessop, Dean, Stavropoulos,
H.B.: Uren, Cahill, Lamb,
C.: R. Jessop, McEwan, Hockins,
H.F.: New, Walsh, Bux,
F.: Stott, Sweeney, Freeman,
Foll.: Bird, Stevens,
Roy.: Shepherd,
Res. from: Johnson, Edmunds,
Niciasen, Butler.

In 1974 he became a Collingwood U19 Premiership player and in the pies win, Ray was judged best a field in the pies crushing win 17-14-116, over Essendon FC, 9-14-68. That day Ray was top scorer booting 5 goals. Below is how Collingwood Forever remembers Ray and the U19 premiers team:

1974

Grand Final (September 28, 1974)

Collingwood	2.4	6.7	11.13	17.14.116
Essendon	2.1	4.2	6.5	9.14.68

Goals: Sweeney 5, Freeman 4, Walsh 4, Stott 2, McEwan 1, Hockins 1

Best: Freeman, Jessop, Stott, Walsh, Hockins, Cahill, Dean, Sweeney

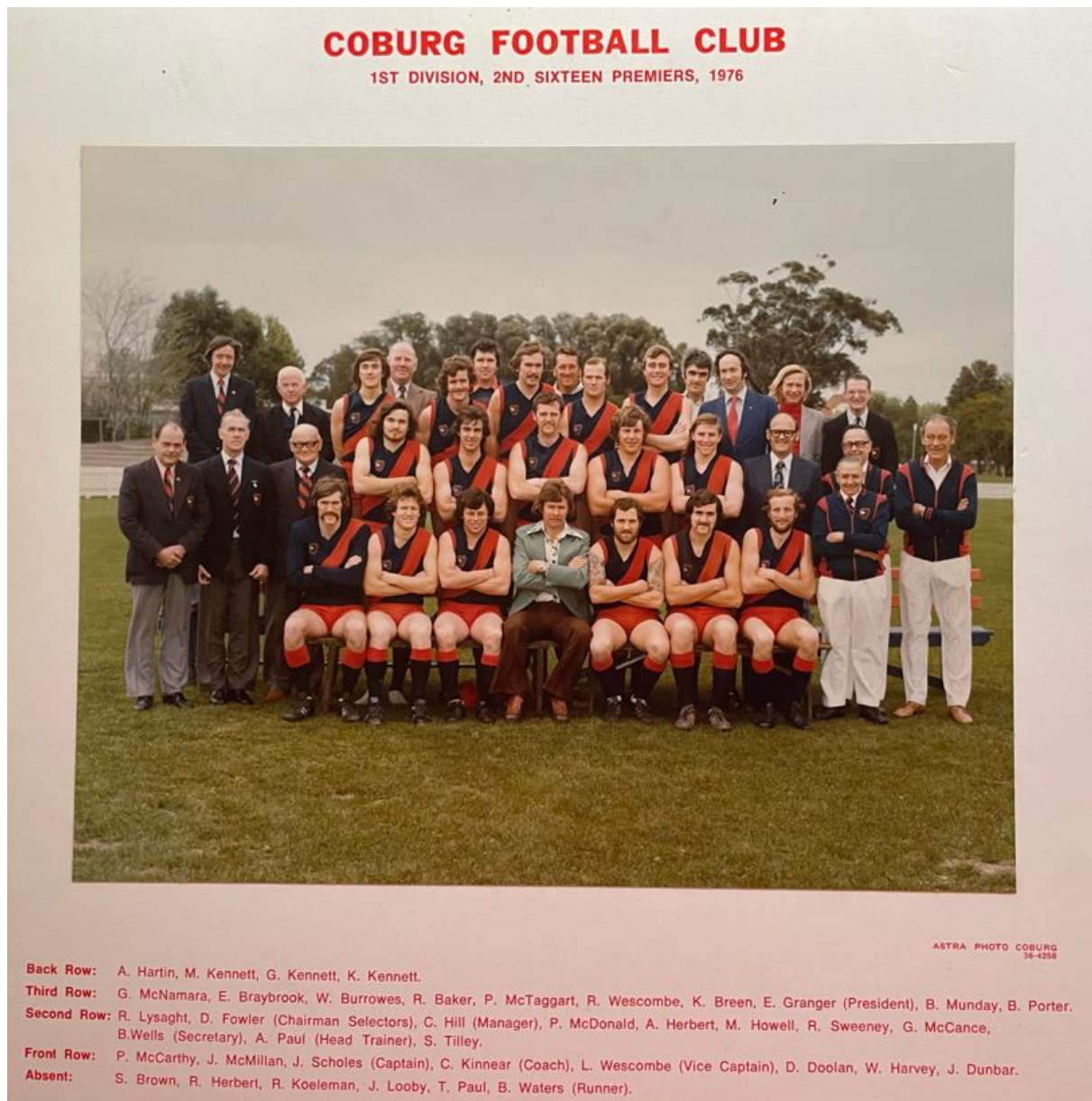
Premiership team

Backs:	Gary Jessop	Terry Wight	Geoff Dean
HB:	Peter Uren	Terry Cahill	John Lamb
C:	Russell Jessop	Robert McEwan	Lou Hockins
HF:	Graeme Bux	Geoff Walsh	Ivan New
For:	Phillip Stott	<u>Ray Sweeney</u>	Wayne Freeman
Foll:	Robert Bird	Graeme Stevens	Ray Shepherd
Res:	Julian Wightwick	Daryl Butler	
Coach:	Des Healey		



The 1974 Under-19 squad. Back row: G Teesdale, K Head, B Niclasen, G Jessop, W Freeman, P Constantine, I Johnson, J Wassell. Fourth row: G Walsh, G Stevens, P Stavropoulos, S Pratt, R Johnson, P Uren. Third row: R McEwan, R Bird, G Dean, J Edmunds, P Morcom, M Anderson, K Stubbs, S Milinkovic. Second row: R Jessop, D Butler, L Hopkins, T Cahill, R Sweeney, T Wight, R McMahon, J Lamb, R Shepherd. Front: D Maroney, F McFarland, D Watson, A Waller, I New (Captain), P Stott (Vice-captain), Des Healey (Coach), R Dunn, H Ross, E Trenear. John Teesdale (mascot).

In 1975 Ray crossed over to Coburg Lions Football Club in the VFA and played in Coburg's reserve's premiership the following year in 1976 (2nd row fourth from the right) (The author John Guest, would later become a director of the same club, Coburg-Fitzroy Lions in the VF L Competition 1999-2000:



The same year, 1976, he married Maryan Hopkins, daughter of Max Hopkins, a stalwart of the Yallourn North Football Club. Ray and Maryan have two children, and five grandchildren.

The next year 1977, Ray joined Yallourn North Football Club, in the La Trobe Valley Football League, Gippsland Victoria. Ray remained with the club until 1982. In 1983, Ray returned to Melbourne to play with Greensborough Football Club in the very strong Melbourne suburban competition, the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL) now known as the Northern Football & Netball League -NFNL.

In 1977 Ray played seniors for Greensborough and was an important part of the team that won the Division I premiership (Pictured top row, third from the right):



From 1984 to 1988 Ray played reserves football for Greensborough FC and in 1984 played in another premiership for the club. He then went on to Super Rules Metropolitan League Football (Over 35s) for both Eltham and Greensborough from 1989-1995.

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JACK GUEST 1921-1987 – CARLTON & FITZROY FOOTBALL CLUBS

A most promising football career cut short

Archie Guest's (1866-1932) youngest surviving son, Jack, the author's father, in 1940, was expected to make his debut for the Fitzroy Football Club senior team. Instead, fate intervened and whilst Fitzroy gave Jack leave of absence sent to recover from the shock of what occurred to his brother-in-law Peter O'Neill, and to help Jack assist in the care of his beloved sister Tilly, he never returned to VFL ranks despite his very young age.

The newspaper article below, was written by respected football journalist of the time, Percy Taylor in 1938, attests to Jack winning his spot on the Fitzroy senior list (Jack Guest in Percy Taylor; "Fitzroy Will Be Better Team – Should Reach the Four, The Argus Newspaper, Melbourne Victoria, 3rd April, 1938, p22) (Courtesy, Brendan Campbell, 2022, Curator-Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Museum):

FITZROY WILL BE BETTER TEAM

Should Reach "Four"

By PERCY TAYLOR

"We will be much stronger this year. We are a happy band, and have a stronger and heavier team." In this way Gordon Rattray, coach of Fitzroy, summed up the prospects for the football season.

Rattray said that Fitzroy would be particularly strong in the ruck. The return of Curcio was specially welcomed, because he was a strong, vigorous, and experienced follower. Ledwidge was well and fit again, and Morgan and Hall were even better than last year. In addition there were some excellent reserves who could help in the ruck work.

Sharp would be first rover in place of Bunton, and, as he proved previously when Bunton was not playing, was excellent, his position play being a feature. Such players as Treweek, Clarke, Bunworth, L. Smith, and Trigg, who played for the first time with the club last year, have shown the benefit of the experience they gained, and should be valuable players.

The back line, which was the strong point last year, will be just as good this year. Smallhorn, M. Hughson, and Clarke will comprise a talented centre line. The forwards were weak last season, and that line will still be a difficulty, but it is sure to be better. Toohy, who has returned from the West, F. Hughson, and Dalley

players may not reach the final list. In those circumstances it was likely that 10 new men would be retained. Perhaps they would not be in the senior side immediately, but all had possibilities.

Rattray added that Fitzroy had a much harder programme than it had last year, but after going through the chances of the various teams he felt that Fitzroy could easily reach the final four.

The selectors, in reducing the list last night omitted four senior players — McConchie, Doug Nicholls, Butterworth, and Lusk. The list is:

Old Players — Dawson, Curcio, Gray, Ryan, McKenzie, Smallhorn, M. Hughson, Toohy, Smith, Ledwidge, Bunworth, Sharp, Hall, Norman, Dennis, Carroll, Edwards, Young, Treweek, Noble, Morgan, Bartling, Lowenthal, Gillespie-Jones, Mulimer, E. Clarke.

New Players — Bayers (thirds), Carmody (Colar), Dalley (Hardware), Hoppen (Queenscliff), Guest (Carlton thirds), Ruddell, Hicks, and Warren (seconds), Knopp (Victoria Brewery), Dwyer (Clifton Hill C.Y.M.S.), Midney (East Brunswick), Kisdale (West Coburg), Murray and Thompson (Prahran), Hart and Wegner (Northcote), Bagie (Yarraville), Quinn (Brunswick), F. Hughson (Preston), and Boyd (Preston seconds).

Who will captain the side is now the

A few days later on Saturday the 16th April, 1938, Jack was selected to play the season curtain raiser intra-club match for Fitzroy Greens v Fitzroy Maroons (Jack Guest in The Argus Newspaper, Melbourne, Victoria, Saturday 16th April, 1938, page 21, "League Teams for Today") (Campbell, B, 2022, Curator-Historian, Fitzroy-Brisbane Museum):

LEAGUE TEAMS FOR TO-DAY	
<p>NORTH MELBOURNE</p> <p>2 p.m. PURPLE AND GOLD.—Backs: Jones, McFarlane, Dyer. Half-backs: Montgomery, J. Anderson (captain), Richardson. Centres: Baker, Wells, Mutimer. Half-forwards: Green, I. Clay, Lyons. Forwards: Thomas, Murray, Coghlan. Followers: Kennedy, Whittam. Rover: McLeod. Emergency: Hough.</p> <p>BLUE AND WHITE. Backs: Adams, F. Anderson, Roulet. Half-backs: Morcom, Ellis, McVeigh. Centres: Skinner, Cordner, Carter. Half-forwards: Jacobs, Stubbs, Johnson. Forwards: Findlay, Crapper, Kemp. Followers: Tyrell, Mitchell. Rover: Forbes (captain). Emergency: Gregory.</p> <p>At the interval changes will be made from the following:—A. Clay, Jeffery, Davis, Payne, Carey, Ripper, and Penny.</p> <p>FITZROY</p> <p>At 2.45. MAROONS. Backs: Treweek, Bartling, Dennis. Half-backs: Bunworth, Ryan, Lowenthal. Centres: Smallhorn, M. Hughson, E. Clarke. Half-forwards: Gillespie-Jones, Ledwidge, Gray. Forwards: Trigg, Smith, Hartney. Followers: Curcio, Hall. Rover: Sharp.</p> <p>GREENS.—Backs: Taylor, Mutimer, Boyd. Half-backs: Savers, Minney, Carmody. Centres: Keighery, Bridgman, O'Neill. Half-forwards: R. Clark, Dalley, Toohy. Forwards: Ruddell, Warren, Dayer. Followers: Norman, <u>Guest</u>. Rover: Hoppen.</p>	<p>MELBOURNE</p> <p>RED AND BLUE.—Backs: Emselle, Regan, Furniss. Half-backs: G. Jones, Mueller, McNamara. Centres: Buckley or Steele, Truscott, Wartman. Half-forwards: L. Jones, Baggett, Bail. Forwards: Hall, Smith, Reiffel. Followers: Lewis, Murnane. Rover: Beames (capt.).</p> <p>MAROONS.—Backs: Meehl, McNaughton, Hingston. Half-backs: Baxter, Foster, Caton. Centres: Maher, La Fontaine (capt.), Message. Half-forwards: Brettagh, Munday, Binns. Forwards: F. Anderson, Fanning, Glass. Followers: Coulhan, Penberthy. Rover: Barassi. To play at half-time:—Rodda, Bromley, and S. Anderson. Not available:—Fischer, F. Roberts, Lock, J. Kinnear, Dean, Regner.</p> <p>GEELONG</p> <p>REDS.—Backs: Milte, Hickey (c.), Everett. Half-backs: Howard, Sellwood, Arklay. Centres: Black, Muller, Dean. Half-forwards: Willis, Abbott, Collins. Forwards: Wright, Heimer, Beasley. Followers: G. Dougherty, Hore. Rover: Glenister. 19th Man: J. Dougherty.</p> <p>BLUES.—Backs: Wood, Taylor, Graham. Half-backs: Marchmont, Gneil, Nicolson. Centres: Dyer, Foley, Richmond. Half-forwards: Tucker, Tuohill, McLeod. Forwards: Butcher, Rankin, Coles. Followers: H. Hardman, Evans. Rover: Quinn (c.), 19th Man: McLaren.</p> <p>The main match will be preceded by a game between the seconds and Sea Scouts.</p>

Dr Jamie Sanderson (2023), Head Curator of the Carlton Football Club's Blueseum Project confirmed from their records that Jack was recruited by Fitzroy in 1938 from Carlton thirds (Dr Sanderson, 2023, Taylor, P, 1938, The Argus, 3rd April, 1938, p22). Sanderson (2023) found Jack was then promoted to the senior player list, coming off the back of a fine pre-season and two stella seasons with Carlton thirds as a 15- and 16-year-old.

Earlier still he further found Jack played for Carlton districts, the Carlton Football Club's feeder club (Dr Sanderson, 2023, AFL Player Historian and Head Curator Carlton Football Club Online Player Museum, "Blueseum").

Submitted overleaf is Jack's official player profile for the Carlton Football Club researched and published by Dr Sanderson. Noting that Robert Guest referred to at the foot of his AFL/VFL career biography above, is Jack's cousin, Dr Robert (Bob) Guest (1943-) whose own football biography and Carlton subsequently follows, and Bob, a grandson of Archie Guest's middle brother Jack Guest (John Henry Guest 186201922, back-to back premiership coach with North Melbourne's second twenty team 1886 and 1887.



Jack Guest



An outstanding schoolboy footballer who originally attended St Bridget's school in Fitzroy. Played junior football for Carlton with Carlton Districts in 1934 and 1935. Wally Haysom, a 1919 Collingwood premiership player acted as a mentor for Jack after his father died in 1932. With the help of Wally and his own talent the young 15-year-old was cleared to train for the Blues in the pre-season of 1936.

His form was so impressive he was named as an emergency in the very first Carlton reserves game of the 1936 season, a remarkable trajectory for a 15-year-old. This was the sliding doors moment of his career as it seems, so close to claiming a spot in the big time.

He played mainly as a resting rover after playing his junior years as a ruck rover. In the 1936 and 1937 seasons Jack played thirds football for the Blues. This was at a time when Carlton was building a strong team towards it's 1938 premiership, so places even in the reserves team were extremely competitive.

In 1938 he was invited to try out for Fitzroy where he played in the 1938 and 1939 season in the reserves.

In 1940 Jack crossed over to Collingwood Districts where a number of his mates played, including Lou Richards.

Following a family tragedy he enlisted for the war, saying he was 21 when he was only 19 so he did not need consent from his mother. He served in the 2/23rd and on 28th December 1944 was medically discharged where his service of country and football was ended at the age of just 23.

Jack is the cousin of 1963 Carlton reserves premiership player [Robert Guest](#).

Jack's reserve grade game records, for the 1936 season at Carlton Football Club, survive. Jack played all of the pre-season matches in the reserves and was picked as emergency for the first game of the season to potentially play against Fitzroy should a player selected be deemed unfit, and was only aged 15 years old (Source: Dr Sanderson, Carlton Football Club, Head Curator Blueseum Project):



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Carlton Recruits 1936

Les Bartling (centre-half back Welshpool), R. J. Branchflower (forward, Old Melburnians), Harold Boschen (a promising recruit who sustained an injury early last year), J. Carney (Geelong), G. Davidson (centre, South Bendigo), Colin Boyd (back pocket, rover, Brunswick), H. Cameron (Wimmera), W. Cooney (rover Orbst), A. Gillespie (University Blacks), Berriman (Balmarring), Mackin (Fish Creek), Bill Hartney, centre -half forward (Deniliquin), Crawford (district), Bill Garvie (Richmond), Jack Guest (district), Glendenning (Flinders), F. McClintock (Ivanhoe), J. Patterson (rover, Noojee), M. Price (district), Don McIntyre (backman, seconds), A. McIntyre (Don's brother), C. Neeson (North Melbourne), A. L. Price (Carlton seconds to Carlton), A. Pye (South Ballarat), W. J. Redstone (Carlton Amateurs), Rietchel (forward Coburg), R. Savage (follower Mitcham), Laurie Shea (Bacchus Marsh, Keith Shea's brother), R. Sneddon (Korumburra), L. Smith (W.A.), G. I. Stevenson (South Richmond), A. Woods (brother of Collingwood player), E. Dale (Sandhurst)

Practice Matches, March 28 at Coburg, vs Coburg Recruits at 1.30pm.
Carlton Recruits; 41 named, players rotated throughout the match:

Backs; Mackin, L. Shea, C. Jones, Bartling, McCabe.
Half Backs; A. McIntyre, H. Anderson, Boschen, Gravenall, Booth, Jack Guest.
Centres; Branchflower, E. James, Quinn, P. Smith, Branson, Mathieson.
Half forwards; Redstone, G. Crisp, Field, Hunter, Treweek, R. McGregor.
Forwards; Denning, Glendenning, G. Thomas, T. Standfield, Hartney, Prendergast.
Followers, Savage, K. Fox, C. Boyd, R. Stevenson.
Rover; Clarke (captain), Lamb

To be included during the game; Cramer, L. Smith, Sneddon, Williams, Woods, Jackson.

Umpires; Chapman & G. Murphy

Carlton v Brunswick Monday 1.30pm March 30

Carlton and Brunswick recruits played at Brunswick (The 'Wicks supporters were jubilant as their recruit's team had a good win and their senior team put up a good show against the Blues):

Carlton team:

Backs; Macken, Booth, Jack Guest
Half backs; McGregor, Boschen, Gunn
Centres; Branchflower, P. Smith, Branson
Half forwards; Redstone, Thomas, Paterson
Forwards; Glendenning, Stanfield, Hartney
Followers; Fox, Stevenson
Rover; Lamb

Carl; 2.6 4.7 4.9 5.10.40
Brun; 1.1 4.2 5.4 8.7.55



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Practice Matches, April 04, 1936, Carlton v Preston Recruits at Preston at 1.30pm:

Backs; Chitty, Rosewarne, De Luca
Half backs; Gillespie, Boschen, Kirkby
Centres; McDermot, Treweek, Branchflower
Half forwards; McElroy, J. Cooper, Redstone
Forwards; Denning, Thomas, G. Dougherty
Followers; Hollingshead, Pollock
Rover; Le Brun

Emergencies; (11) Fox, Hartney, Crawford, Glendenning, Garvie, Patterson, Mackint,
Cleary, **Jack Guest**, Pye, L. Shea (to change at half time)
Umpire; C. S. White
Carlton won easily.
Best, McElroy, McDermott, Hollingshead, Dougherty, Fox

Practice Matches April 11, 1936 - Carlton Seconds and Thirds vs East Brunswick at Fleming Park

More than 30 senior players turned up for training on Tuesday evening in pouring rain.
The Southern (city) wing of Princes Park was under water.
This weekend is the first time Carlton could use Princes Park due to cricket requirements.

Backs; W. Rogers, Mackin, Fox
Half backs; **Jack Guest**, Neeson, Savage
Centres; Branchflower, P. Smith, Tye
Half forwards; G. Crisp, Glendenning, Dempsey
Forwards; A. Williams, Boland, Stevenson
Followers; Hunter, Hartney
Rover; Bourke

Emergencies; Job, Cleary, James, Johns, B. Green, Macklin, Richards, Nickless, Lovett,
L. Shea, Weller (to be included during the game.)

May 02, 1936 - Opening round of the 1936 season. Carlton played Fitzroy at Princes Park:

The Blues combined well and were too strong for Fitzroy
Carlton ran away with the game in the final quarter booting 9.3 to 1.1.
Carlton team;

Backs; Hollingshead, McIntyre, Turner
Half backs; Gillespie, Neeson, Treweek
Centres; McDermott, Hughson, Garvie
Half forwards; G. Crisp (VC), Gunn/Dunn, Butler
Forwards; Gale, Denning, Stevenson
Followers; Pollock, Job (C)
Rover; Price

19th. Cleary
Emergencies; Cameron, **Jack Guest**, A. Williams
Umpire; Sellers

The Argus Newspaper published on Wednesday 8th April 1936 (Page 1), Jack's selection in the Carlton seconds team for the match to be played on Saturday 11th April 1936. The researcher's father, Jack "Guest" was picked to play on the half back flank (Courtesy, Dr Jaimie Sanderson, December, 2022):

committee to the second.
G. Chapman, the former South Australian, was granted a clearance by the St Kilda committee last night to Caulfield. O'Keefe was cleared to Brighton.

CARLTON'S PRACTICE

Three Teams Chosen

There was a full muster at Carlton yesterday. Taking advantage of the rain, the coach (Frank Maher) gave special instruction in wet-weather tactics. Two teams of players and recruits will take part in a practice match at Carlton on Saturday. The game will begin at 2.45 p.m. The teams are as follow—

BLUE AND WHITES. Backs: De Luca, Rosewarne, Kirkby. Half-backs: Treweek, Gillespie, Gilly (capt). Centres: Turner, Hughson, Garvie. Half-forwards: Hale, Hollingshead, Quinn. Forwards: Le Brun, Denning, Pollock. Followers: Dougherty, Mutimer, Rover, Clarke.

THE BLUES. Backs: Collard, Gill, Park. Half-backs: Anderson, Mackie, Francis (capt). Centres: Carney, Shea, Green. Half-forwards: Johnson, Dunn, Crisp. Forwards: Dale, Valence. Butler. Followers: Davey, McLean, Rover, McDermott.

Emergencies. Chitty, Atwell, J. Doherty, McIntyre, McGregor, Price, Warren, Redstone, Thomas, Guthrie, and Crawford.

A team of second eighteen players and recruits will play a practice match against East Brunswick, at East Brunswick, on Saturday. The team will be as follows—

CARLTON SECONDS. Backs: W. Rogers, Mackin, Fox. Half-backs: Guest, Neeson, Savage. Centres: Branchflower, P. Smith, Pye. Half-forwards: G. Crisp, Glendinning, Dempsey. Forwards: A. Williams, Boland, Williamson. Followers: Hunter, Hartney, Rover, Bourke.

Emergencies. Job, Macklin, Cleary, Jones, Lovett, Johns, B. Green, Richards, and Nickless.

GEELONG'S POLICY PAYS

Many Men From District

The optimism of Geelong officials and supporters has been increased by the showing of the four teams that took part in practice games on Saturday, and there is a feeling that some of last year's players will have to strike their best form to retain their places. The wisdom of giving particular attention to the Geelong and District League players is apparent. Some promising talent has been revealed. Of the players in the revised training list no fewer than 22 are from Geelong and district clubs. Taylor (half-back), Edmondson (backs), Turner (centre), Tansing (rover), Lyons (half-forward), Reid (back), Butcher (half-back), N. Muller (centre), Johnson (centre), Marchmont (half-forward), Pender (follower), and Jamieson (rover) have all shown very promising form.

Of last year's players Grant, who played in only one match, is likely to prove a clever forward. He kicked 10 goals on Saturday. A. Muller made a good showing in the centre. The Metherell brothers are making a good recovery from their indispositions, and McDonauld's ankle continues to show improvement.

Club officials present a suggestion that Hickey is aggrieved because Dibbs has been appointed coach. Hickey is working wholeheartedly in support of Dibbs.

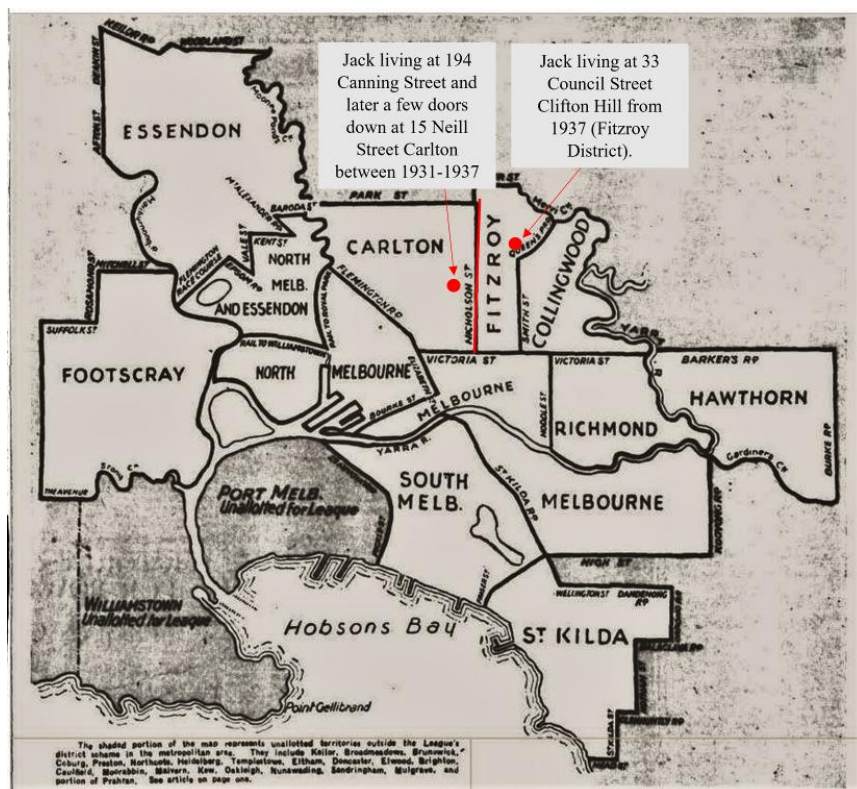
Two practice games will be played on Saturday and again on Monday.

Melbourne Teams Chosen

Two Melbourne teams which had convincing victories over Prahran and Brunswick last Saturday, will, with few exceptions, meet in a practice game on the Albert ground. The teams are—

RED AND BLUE. Backs: Ball, A. Roberts, R. Fischer. Half-backs: Deague, Meehl, L. Jones.

Earlier as a young boy in 1934, Jack came to play for Carlton junior football club after the VFL established for the first time, the metropolitan zoning rules. This rule tied him first to the play only with the Carlton junior club and then if he was good enough for Carlton's senior teams. As shown below, Carlton Football Club's zone is clearly marked below along with Jack's residential address know to the Carlton Football Club (Dr Sanderson, 2023, Carlton Football Club, Historian and Curator, Blueseum):



Carlton football club lists Jack among their players on the club's military service honour roll.

JOHN GUEST (1960-) – HAMERSLEY-CARINE, SUNBURY & BELLFIELD

John is the older of three sons born to Jack Guest 1921-1987, who is the younger of Archie Guest's three surviving son. Jack having played as a school boy footballer for Carlton Thirds and reserves as a 15-year-old and subsequently Fitzroy reserves as a 17-year-old before the outbreak of WWII.

John began his involvement as a player age 9 years in 1970 and continued to play until he hung up the boots in 2008, playing for Gisborne in the master Victorian country league, aged 47. John's wife Liz also has extensive involvement in the game as an administrator of football clubs.

When John and Liz returned to Melbourne from Perth in March 1992, John took a break from football. He was back however, in September 1998, after being approached by Bill Atherton of the Fitzroy Football Club Limited, to be a non-executive director of the Coburg-Fitzroy Lions Football Club.

This administrative role in re-born VFL competition John held for two seasons, parallels with the roles his grand uncles William Langford Guest [II] (1860-1922) (a.k.a., Will Guest, a.k.a., Mr. W.L. Guest) and his brother John Henry Guest [I] (1862-1922) (a.k.a. Jack Guest, a.k.a., Mr. J.H. Guest) played in the administration of the North Melbourne Football Club in its formative post-merger years playing for the first time at "Arden Street") (merger integration of the Hotham FC and Hotham CC as NMFC).

Ironically NMFC played at the City Oval Coburg, the home of the Coburg Lions VFA in 1965 to which John would later become a non-executive director of the partnership club Coburg-Fitzroy Lions in the VFL 1999-2000 (Refer: North gets lease," The Sun News-Pictorial. Melbourne, VIC. 30th March 1965, p 51; "North can have a new oval," The Sun News-Pictorial. Melbourne, VIC. 3 November 1964. p34; "Coburg to drop stand?", The Sun News-Pictorial, Melbourne, Victoria, 28th September 1965, p 51; "North to quit Coburg," The Sun News-Pictorial. Melbourne, Victoria, 29th September 1965, p52).

Submitted below is a picture of NMFC's second 18, photographed at City Oval 1965. They played there for one year only in 1965 (Image courtesy of Coburg Historical Society, with the picture owned by Coburg Historical Society, Bluestone Cottage Museum):

Below John and Liz are pictured below during an unplanned Coburg-Fitzroy v Richmond post-game interview with the Herald-Sun journalist in which the Lions beat the Richmond VLF squad convincingly that day in from of a larger pro-Fitzroy crowd (Image credit: Josh Barnes, Melbourne Herald Sun, March 4th 2019):



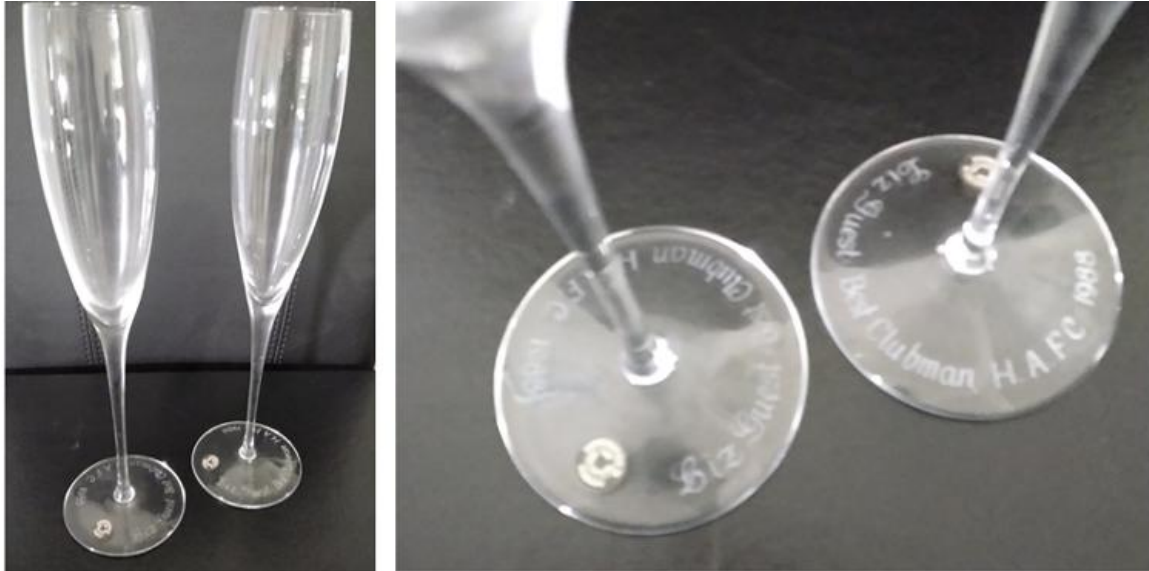
Coburg-Fitzroy supporters John and Liz Guest were among the few to get on board when the club changed its name.

Typical of Fitzroy supporters they got behind their team and players responded and swept all before them beating Richmond that day. The next picture captures some of the scenes immediately after Coburg-Fitzroy Lions played their final game and defeated revival Richmond Football Club reserves team playing in the revamped VFL in 2000:

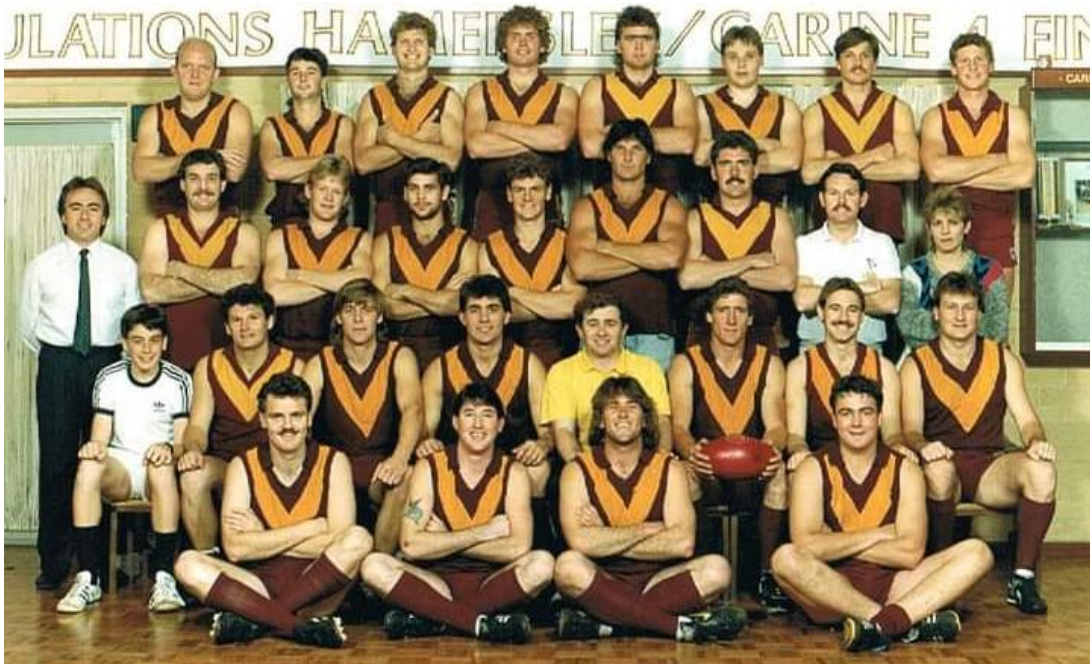


Living in Perth from 1985-1992, John loved his playing days for the Hamersley Carine Football Club playing in the Amateurs and long known as the Perth Football League (PFL). Like a number of team mates John Fragomeni and Phil Swain he combined playing in the first twenty with administration of the club.

John's wife Liz's also enjoyed helping the club to develop and 1988 was awarded the club's "Best Clubman" given for the first time to a female for her tireless efforts that year:



John, Liz and son Rob returned to Melbourne in 1987 when Jack became terminally ill and in 1988 resumed with the Hawks and played firsts up until 1989. In 1990 he was appointed President and the extra duties best served by playing in the second twenty in 1990 and retired that year. That year, 1990, John enjoyed as club president standing proudly with his team mates the first twenty premiership team coached by club legend Dave Whitehead:



Back row: Eddy Groves, (? – apology), Dion Georgiadis, Jeff Horseman, Stan Horseman (brothers), Warren Bisset, Phil Swain (Swainey), Mark Douglas (Duggo); 2nd Back row: John Guest (President) (Guesty & team runner in 1990 grand final), Trevor Wiseman; Jason Cherry, Guy Gambit; Mark Hewitt ("Hewy"), Clark Stasiw, Joe Phelan; Trevor Burke (brother of David Burke) (Burkie"), Tracy Houston (nee Smith), Front row: Nipper Gillard, son of club patron Reg Gillard, Neil Hamlin, (Hammo); Brad Hoskin, Darrin Gaske, Coach Dave Whitehead, Tom "Tommy" Houston, Darrel Hewton, Ian McCallum (Macca); Front row: Andrew Dauby, Jason Walker (Walks") Des Hedland ("Desi"), (missing Dave Smith).

In 1989 the Hawks suffered a close loss against Bull Creek Football Club in the 1989 grand final, and the loss cut deep. After taking stock over summer, success came the following year when Hamersley-Carine coached by Dave defeated West Coast AFC. Below is the Hawks senior team photograph for the 1989 runner up year. The researcher is partly obscured standing in the second back row second from far left. We were defeated that year by Bull Creek. That year 1989, Sean King, ex West Coast Eagle and West Perth player was our runner in the 1989 grand final.

Sean went on to be a legend at the Hawks, and sadly passed this past week and will be sadly missed by all, dying to young only 60 years young. John Guest is found far left obscured and Sean far right also standing middle row:



In 2023, the club celebrates its 50th year, and proudly displays the 50th year anniversary logo with its roots clearly identifiable to John Fragomeni's original design (Source: Hamersley-Carine AFC website):

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HOME	LEAGUES	CLUBS	PLAYERS	COACHES	GROUND	ARTICLES	COMMUNITY
ATL	SANFL	WAFL	VFL	TSL	VFA	U19 (TAL)	QAFI
SAFL	WAFA	REP	IR	ATW			

KEY FACTS

Known as
Hamersley Carine

Formed
1974

Colours
Maroon, gold and white

Emblem
Hawks

Affiliation (Current)
West Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL) 1974-2023

Senior Premierships
WAAFL B Grade - 2006, 2011, 2015 (3 total); D Grade - 1977 (1 total); E Grade - 1990 (1 total)

Postal Address
P.O. Box 38, Wembley, Western Australia 6020

HAMERSLEY CARINE

The Hawks were born - or perhaps that should be 'hatched' - in 1974, and initially fielded just one team in the Western Australian Amateur Football League's E Grade competition. Their top level senior side has won five premierships, in D Grade in 1977, E Grade in 1990, and, most recently, in B Grade in 2006, 2011 and 2015.

The 2006 season in particular was an excellent one for the club all round. In addition to the senior team's 11.14 (80) to 9.13 (67) B Grade grand final triumph over Stirling the reserves won their premiership at the expense of Fremantle CBC, while the thirds finished as runners-up.

The Hawks found life in A Grade in 2007 inordinately challenging, and managed just a single win for the season, consigning them to last place and relegation to B Grade for 2008. The reserves (2 wins) and thirds (3) did slightly better than the seniors.

In 2008 the club's senior team managed to qualify for the B Grade finals in fourth place but could not get past Fremantle CBC in the first semi final.

After a succession of near misses the Hawks obtained promotion as premiers in 2011, downing Swan Athletic in the grand final by 59 points, 14.12 (96) to 5.7 (37). Once again, however, they struggled in A Grade the following season, winning just 1 match to finish in last place.

The club's most recent senior grade flag was obtained in 2015, in B Grade. Of all their recent premierships this was arguably the most memorable. Fifth after the home and away rounds the Hawks had to win four successive finals matches to secure the flag. None of the matches proved easy, but Hamersley Carine edged home in all of them, with their grand final success coming at the expense of Scarborough by a single point margin.

At the conclusion of the 2016 season the Hawks were relegated back to B Grade after managing just 2 wins and a draw from their 18 A Grade matches. The 2017 season saw them running seventh in B Grade after winning 7 out of 18 matches but the 2018 season was little short of disastrous as they slumped to the wooden spoon after managing just a couple of wins all year.

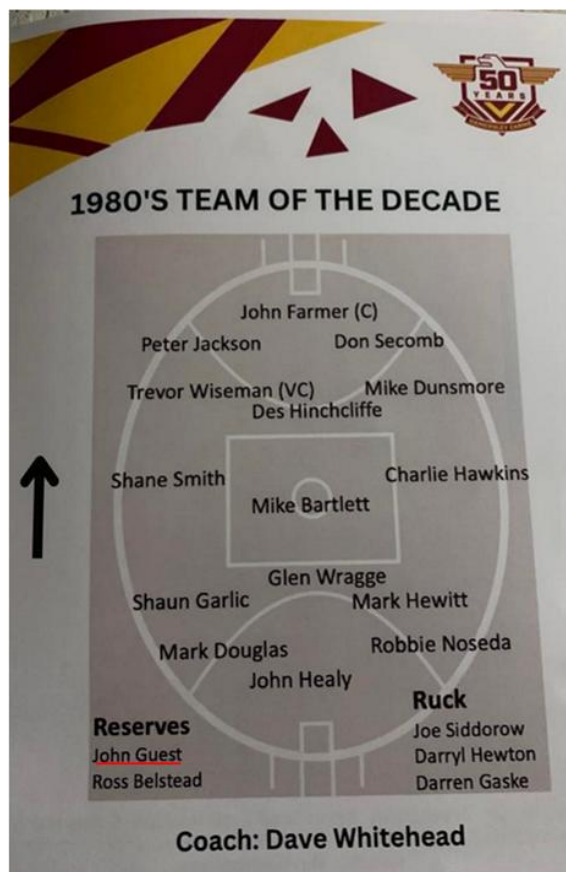
Source
John Dewdney - Pull Points Publications

John had the privilege to play alongside the following players inducted into Hamersley-Carine's team of the half century, notably: Trevor Wiseman, Stan Horseman, Mark Hewitt, Darren Gaske, Jason Walker, and Darrel Hewton, who all played in the 1990 premiership team; and also coach and great family friend of the Guest family, Dave Whitehead, as well as John Farmer, and Sean King. Sean was who was a West Perth a West Coast Eagles player in the AFL, and also a Hamersley-Carine stalwart, who were inducted into the Hamersley-Carine team of the half century.

This bears testimony to their individuals' talents as footballers, and in respect to Dave as coach, and the culture fostered in the early years at Carine open space, after switching from nearby Aintree oval in 1984:



Most humbled is the author being inducted into the clubs 1980s team of the decade (Source: Hamersley-Carine AFC Proud History – The First 50 Years, 1980's Team of the Decade, 2023, Inductee to the 1980's Team of the Decade – Thanks Huey for the share and heads up):



Prior John played for Sunbury Football Club is one of Australia's oldest Australia Rules Football clubs and was formed in 1889 which is 4 years prior to the Fitzroy Football Club's formation in 1883. Most enjoyable as a consequence of being a premierships player in the reserve's team in 1985, Captained by good friend James Minett, the researcher is part of the club's only three-peat premierships up until that time:



Club History

Story of the Sunbury Football Club

Sunbury Football Club is one of the oldest football clubs in Victoria (Australia). Founded in 1879, Sunbury won its first Premiership in 1892 in the Riddell District Football League. In 1997 Sunbury joined the Ballarat Football League winning the Premiership that year and continued its winning streak in 1998, 1999 & 2004.

Sunbury Football Club has won 25 Premierships to date and remains one of the strongest Division One Country Football Teams in Victoria.

In excess of 20 local Sunbury Football Club players have gone on to play VFL/AFL including D. Mounsey, J. Walsh, Stan Thomas, Jimmy Bayliss, Des Baird, George Naylor, John Hoiles, Noel Long, Bob Foreman, Barry Palmer, Grattan Rigg, J. Sweeney, Mick Breen, Mick Stafford, Percy Burdeu, Dean Lupson, Matt McLelland, Mark Johnson, David Johnson, Daryl Griffin, Cameron Wight, Matthew White & Cameron Guthrie.

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KEY FACTS

Official name
Sunbury Football Netball Club

Known as
Sunbury

Formed
1879

Colours
Royal blue and white

Emblem
Lions

SUNBURY

Prior to commencing in the Ballarat Football League in 1997 Sunbury had enjoyed considerable success in the Riddell District Football League, claiming a total of thirteen senior grade premierships dating as far back as the 1920s. The club could scarcely have had a more memorable start to its involvement in the BFL as it promptly won three senior grade premierships in succession. A fourth was added in 2004 and a fifth in 2012 courtesy of a 23.17 (155) to 15.8 (98) grand final trouncing of Radan. In addition to their senior grade successes in the BFL the Lions have claimed no fewer than half a dozen reserve grade flags plus three in the thirds. The seniors have been losing BFL grand finalists on no fewer than seven occasions.

Source
John Devaney - Full Points Publications

Below is a brief account of the second semi-final match between Sunbury and arch rivals Melton, which Sunbury won. That day, John was required to complete a work project before the game and almost missed the match barely making it to the ground on time, and forced to start on the bench (Sunbury Leader, August 1985):

HEADING FOR A HAT-TRICK

SUNBURY Football Club's reserves side continued their march to their third successive premiership when they proved too talented for Melton in the second semi-final at Sunbury on Sunday.

Sunbury struggled early in the first term until Guest came on the ground and sparked them up.

Hopkins did well around the ground and Climas played well up forward. kicking they failed to increase their lead. good form they started to take control.

The Lions slackened off a bit in the second quarter and with poor In the third term with Greg Allen doing well in the ruck, and Hopkins and Adrian Seagrave continuing on with their Richard Lee and Peter McMahon provided them with plenty of drive and they looked set to go right away.

In the last quarter the Lions continued on, and when Melton looked to be mounting a challenge David Short came back on and kicked two valuable goals to seal the game.

Best were Hopkins, Lee, A Seagrave, P McMahon, Guest, Florence.

Goals: Climas 4, Florence 2, Short 2, Casson, J Elliott, O'Farrell.



- A219. Despite playing in the seconds, there was a lot of pressure placed on the team to win the premiership and completed for the first time in the proud history of the Sunbury Football Club, a premiership three-peat. Below is the match report published by the Sunbury Leader after the three-peat was achieved (Sunbury's first and one of two three peats in a proud 144-year history):

BATTLE ROYAL IN RESERVES

It was a true 'battle royal' in the 1985 reserves grand final between Sunbury and Gisborne on Sunday.

The opponents — Sunbury, top of the ladder all year, beaten only once (by Melton) and going for their third flag in succession; Gisborne, struggled through the home and away games to sneak into fifth place then hit form to win the elimination, first semi and preliminary finals to move into the grand final.

That magnificent match up of the defending champions versus the underdogs.

It all pointed to a comfortable Lion win, but the match was never over until the final siren, sounding a six-point thrilling victory to Sunbury in a classic battle.

The Bulldogs started the match at a desperate pace and peppered the goals in the first term, but found only behinds most times.

Sunbury moved the ball downfield three times for the quarter and scored 2.1, while the Bulldogs saw only one major go on the board (to Mick Deverall) to be on 1.7 — scores level.

The crowd was waiting for the Sunbury onslaught, but it still did not come in the second term as Gisborne took the initiative early and booted 4.2 for the term as against Sunbury's 2.5 — the Bulldogs nine points up at half time.

Mark Brown was having a field day on his wing and with John Watts ruck roving three Dogs had first use of the ball for the quarter.

Only Paul O'Farrell for the Lions looked dangerous around goals and regular goalscorers in Ted Casson and John Elliott were astray when they got a chance to shoot.

Three in a row for Lion reserves

Sunbury flag 1985



Sunbury reserves footballers won their third successive RFL premiership with a six-point win over Gisborne at Lancelfield on Sunday.

The Lions came from 1.4 points down at the final change to win in a classic struggle.

Sunbury captain James Brown is a proud and happy man (above) as he holds the cup aloft.

William Brown and Gisborne forwards both needed plenty of warning that this year RFL's premierships, both scoring against Melton.

John is captured with the ball during the 1985 premierships game in which Sunbury beat arch rival, the great county team, Gisborne Football Club (Source: Sunbury Leader August 1985):

Hat trick for Lions

SUNBURY Football Club's reserves side made it a hat trick of flags when they defeated Gisborne in a thrilling match at Lancefield on Sunday.

The Lions, who had dominated the competition all season, had to come from behind in the final term to snatch victory by six points.

Gisborne opened up offensively set us showing that the Lions were not unbeatable, and they continuously peppered the goals, but could not score full points.

Both sides made strategic errors as they sought to gain the advantage.

The scores were level at quarter time.

In the second quarter it was Sunbury's turn to attack and with Griffin playing well along with Minette, Minette and Griffin continuously drove the ball into attack, but could not score.

Finally O'Farrell guided a goal, there only three points down.

Gisborne roused the ball into field to goal to go in a half time leading by six points.

The Lions, somewhat stunned by the fact they were trailing at half time, were not ready to modify the situation.

But whenever Sunbury went into attack the Gisborne backline stood firm.

Short did a fine job at centre half back and Plummer and O'Farrell gave the Lions plenty of drive.

Gisborne looked to be in a good position at the final change with a 14 point lead.

Sunbury were up a desperate 14 point lead.

Sunbury were in a desperate position and needed a lift as Gisborne attacked their goals to go to a 17 point lead.

The Lions started to move a lot better and moving the ball down field, quickly O'Farrell guided.

Now after Cannon had kicked to Guest for another.

Gisborne replied, but here Cannon, who was joining in a great last quarter goal.

The Lions could now snatch victory and when Cannon was freed, Plummer took the advantage and with a great banana kick guided to put the Lions in front.

Then Short, also playing well, got the ball to Cannon for a goal to put the Lions further ahead.

Momentarily later O'Farrell put through another to give the Lions a winning break.

Gisborne, who had come from the information field, were not to be deterred and came back for two late goals, but the Lions held on for a six point victory.

Best were Minette, O'Farrell, Short, Short and Griffin, while goals were O'Farrell's Guest's Short, O'Farrell, Cannon, Cannon and Cannon.

Presentation night will be held on Saturday, October 5, at Sunbury Memorial Hall commencing at 8.30 pm.

Tickets are \$2 a double and are available from W. Cox on 784 2751 or B. Bagley on 784 1211.

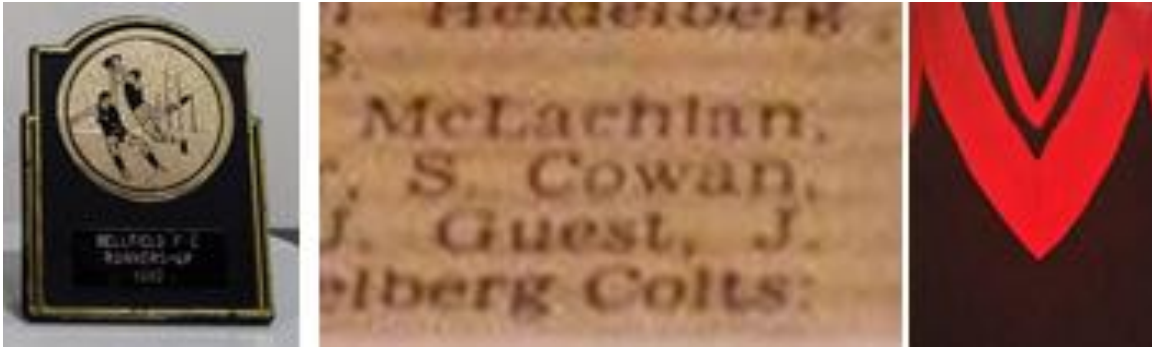



Lions on-baller John Guest helping the Lions snatch victory

Prior, from 1979 to 1981 John played football for Bellfield senior alongside some great local footballers, Paul Deakin, his brother Peter Deakin; Wayne Byrnes, Johnny Thrower, and his brother Keith Thrower. Bellfield Senior Football Club, played in the now defunct Northern Metropolitan Football League (NMFL) and was coached at the time by Barry Evans.

In 1980 Bellfield was defeated by three points in the Grand Final by arch rival Heidelberg Colts Football Club. This came on the back of the most extraordinary 1979 season whereby Heidelberg Colts also defeated Bellfield to win the premierships after first playing a draw the previous week. John and many of his team mates therefore played in three grand finals in two years.

John, aged 19 years was amongst the best players in the 1980 replay match (Partial recovery, Heidelberg News, Tuesday 16th September, 1980, Source: Heidelberg Colts Past Players and Supporters Group):



In 1978 John played for Bundoora Football club under 18s best and fairest award. In 1976 however, in his first year of under 16s he had the privilege to play in the 1976 undefeated premiership team for Bellfield and among some great junior footballers. That year Bellfield defeated in the grand final at Cramer Street Preston, Preston RSL, captained by Peter Daikos. Daikos became a Collingwood legend.

John is pictured in the front row second from the right:



Pictured left to right above, back row first: is, Peter Brown; Damien Basic (dec); Gary Phillips; Ray Head; Paul Harrison; 2nd BR - Trevor Robinson (Runner, assistant coach) (dec); Geoff Cookson (dec); Greg Beard; Geoff Rutty; Mick McDonald; Paul Horton (dec); 2nd FR - Tom Warden; Greg Mitchell; Graeme Robinson (Captain); Mr (Bob) Robinson (coach) (dec); John Freeman (VC); Bob Palamara; Mick Turner; FR - Colin Gibbs; Jamie Gargaro; Kelly (Brendan) Robinson; John Guest; Mick Castles.

Jamie Gargaro, John Guest and Mick Castles, younger brother of Dougie Castles, Heidelberg Football Club in the Diamond Valley Football League and ex West Heidelberg g YCW, all crossed over from West Heidelberg who played on the two southern ovals off Banksia Street also at Ford Park, West Ivanhoe (now Bellfield).

That day well remembers by the author and most pleasing was his middle brother Ricky Guest who played in the Under 14s also for Bellfield also winning the premiership that year.

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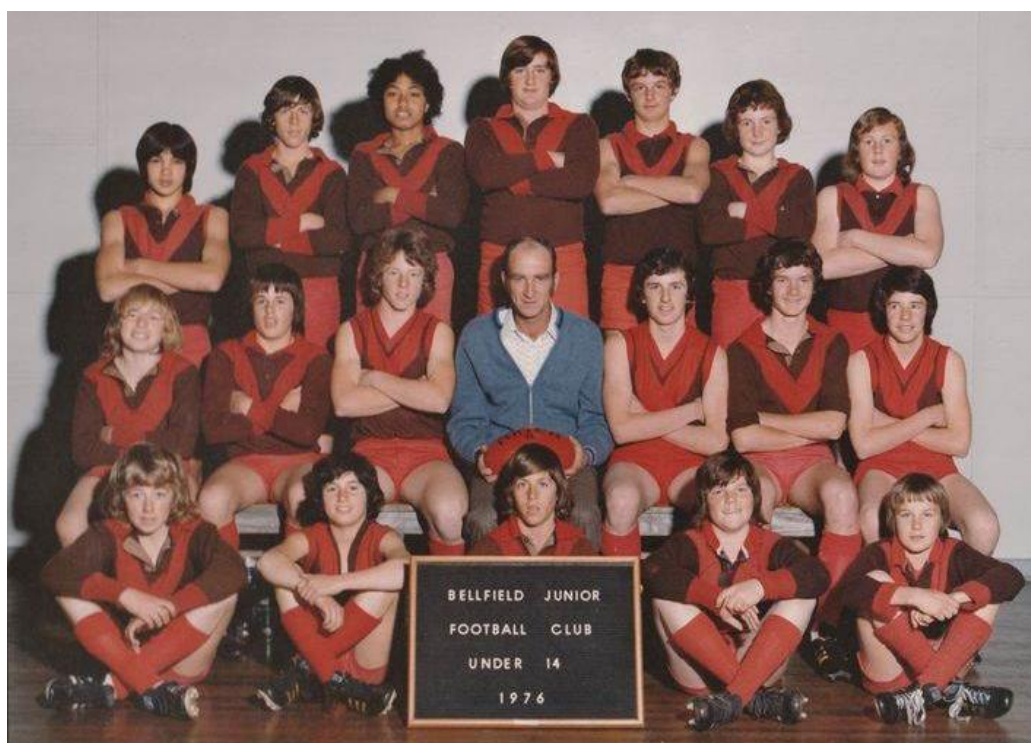
RICKY GUEST (1962-) – BELLFIELD & OLYMIC FCs

Rick played senior football for Bellfield from 1981-1983. In 1982 he played in the grand final which saw Bellfield defeated by East Brunswick, and that year won the first twenty best and fairest award.

Rick previously won the Under 18 best and fairest award for Olympic Youth Football Club in 1980. Rick is pictured below front row, 3rd from the left along, with his team mates. Needless to say, Rick Guest was no slouch with the Sherrin (football).



Rick is further pictured below with his Under 14 premiership team mates after they won the 1976 flag for Bellfield Junior Football Club. Rick is seated, middle row, far left:



Submitted below is a record recovered from the past showing Rick's selection in the 1976, Under 14 premiership team, together with companion record showing he was amongst the best performing players in the year his team won the Under 14 premiership (Ibid, Smith, S, 2020, Bellfield Past Players Group):

Under 14 Team 1976

GRAND FINAL TEAM.

G.Diamond (Captain)	M.Sharp (V.Capt.)
W.Hazelwood (D.V.O.)	A.Sharp
S.Smith	S.McNamara
F.Palamara	D.Johnson
B.Benney	G.Fitzgerald
G.Hooper	A.Pollock
K.Blacker	T.Ingliss
<u>R.Guest</u>	C.Thompson
B.Andrew	T.Ataata
S.Watts 19th	S.Brown 20th

Highest Score	40 - 16 = 256	against Reservoir Old Boys	1 - 3 = 9
Lowest Score	5 - 5 = 35	" East Thomastown	10 - 8 = 68
Highest against 10 - 9 = 69 East Thomastown to Bellfield 5 - 5 = 35			
	10 - 9 = 68	" " " "	10 - 3 = 63
Lowest Against	Nil	Reservoir R.S.L. to Bellfield	28 - 22 = 190
	Nil	Regent/Scouts " "	39 - 20 = 254
	Nil	Reservoir R.S.L. " "	27 - 21 = 183

Goals scored 322 against 82 goals

Highest % 1203.12	Lowest % 460.33
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E. A. D.

<u>Under 14 Team 1976</u>		<u>Goal Kicking.</u>	
<u>Club Best and Fairest Votes.</u>			
G.Diamond	92	G.Diamond	77
S.Smith	83	T.Ingliss	55
W.Hazelwood	57	M.Sharp	53
F.Palamara	38	F.Palamara	40
S.McNamara	35	S.McNamara	22
R.Guest	20	S.Smith	17
M.Sharp	20	G.Fitzgerald	13
T.Ingliss	18	A.Pollock	13
K.Blacker	12	G.Hooper	8
B.Benney	11	<u>R.Guest</u>	7
G.Fitzgerald	10	S.Watts	4
A.Pollock	9	B.Benney	3
T.Ataata	7	K.Blacker	2
C.Thompson	6	W.Hazelwood	2
S.Watts	5	K.Shand	2
B.Andrew	4	T.Ataata	1
K.Shand	2	S.Brown	1
R.Edwards	1	D.Johnson	1
D.Johnson	1	G.Shand	1
INVALID VOTE	1		
<u>Finals Votes. (included above)</u>		<u>F.D.J.F.A. Votes</u>	
S.Smith	16	G.Diamond	27
W.Hazelwood	11	S.Smith	16
G.Diamond	10	W.Hazelwood	8
T.Ingliss	10	K.Shand	3
F.Palamara	9	F.Palamara	2
<u>R.Guest</u>	7	C.Thompson	2
B.Benney	3	G.Fitzgerald	1
M.Sharp	3	G.Hooper	1
K.Blacker	2	A.Pollock	1
B.Andrew	1		

MITCH GUEST 1973- WEST IVANHOE, BELLFIELD & HEIDELBERG WEST FOOTBALL CLUBS

Youngest of Jack Guest's three sons, Mitch played first with West Ivanhoe Junior Football Club where he is pictured below. Mitch presently volunteers as the online administrator for the Bellfield Football Club Past Players and Supporters Group where he is doing a fantastic job of keeping the historically significant Bellfield football club's history alive.

He can be found in the picture below, aged 14 years, seated front row, far right:



After playing juniors first at West Ivanhoe, Mitch transferred to Olympic Youth Junior Football Club, where his middle brother Rick, also played with distinction. Mitch then transferred to play for Bellfield Senior Football Club where his two elder brothers John and Rick previously played.

In 1992 Mitch like brother Rick won the senior teams best and fairest award for Bellfield in 1992. Ten years exactly after Rick Guest (1962-) won the award in 1982.

After Bellfield folded in the mid-1990s, due to the same demographic pressures previously faced by Olympic, Mitch went onto play several seasons for West Heidelberg Football Club in the Diamond Valley Football League, now known as Northern Football League. A club he ended up captaining:



TREY GUEST - MACLEOD JUNNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Mitch and Tanya's eldest son, Trey Wilson Guest (1995-), was a promising junior footballer who played for, and captained Macleod Eagles Under 18s team in 2015 (Northern Football League). Trey is pictured below getting a kick away despite some considerable pressure applied. Trey the author's nephew completed his PhD studies in Germany in 20264. Dr Trey Guest now work's in non-technology engineering in Germany:



ROBERT GUEST (1982-) PHANTON HILLS, FITZROY REDS & SUNBURY

Rob, Trey's cousin, is the son of John Guest, nephew of Ricky and Mitch Guest all of Bellfield, grandson of Jack Guest of Carlton and Fitzroy and great grandson of Archie Guest of North Melbourne and Williamstown Football Clubs.

Although Rob's promising elite Australian rules football career ended abruptly in 2001, when he began playing for the Coburg Tigers in the VFL. Then Coburg Tigers were Richmond's reserve team under an arrangement with the AFL. Rob recovered returning to play at the local level some years later.

His final game was played in the 2012, Grand Final for the Panton Hills Football Club in the Northern Football League's (NFL) Division 2. Unfortunately, Panton Hills were defeated that day. After the match, Rob retired from the sport aged 30 years having enjoyed a successful career.

At Panton Hills Football Club, Rob played once more alongside his great mates, three brothers, Jake, Abe and Zac Williams. Noting further, they also crossed over from another club to play with Panton Hills in 2012. Jake was best man at Rob and Fiona's wedding and all played together at Heidelberg Junior Football Club.

Prior he played for Fitzroy Reds Football Club in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), which has recently reverted back to its historical name, the Fitzroy Football Club, ex A/VFL, founded in 1883.

Rob played for Fitzroy Reds for seasons 2005 and 2006. In 2005, he played in Fitzroy's premiership side defeating Old Mentonians' Football Club (VAFA) to win the B1 reserve section Grand Final (Amateur Footballer, Final Series 2005, p22, Vol 05, No 21, September 2005):

GRAND FINAL			
FITZROY REDS VS OLD MENTONIANS			
			
Coach: Chris Tehan		Coach: JAMIE WINDUSS	
G	B	G	B
2. Bill Holderhead	3. D. FIELD	6. C. ALEXANDER	9. W. BALLANTINE
3. Santo Obenedetto	6. C. ALEXANDER	12. C. DWYER	14. M. STROUD
6. Brett Pollard	9. W. BALLANTINE	15. C. DUNCAN	18. T. BOURNAN
7. Nick Abbott	12. C. DWYER	20. C. PALMER	21. J. O'BRIEN
10. Leon Holderhead	14. M. STROUD	22. S. CLEEVE	23. A. DRINAN
15. Mark Sheather	15. C. DUNCAN	26. R. SCHLOEFFEL	27. G. KATRIS
17. Benji Lee	18. T. BOURNAN	31. S. WORRELL	32. J. MCCONVILLE
18. Ben McDonald	20. C. PALMER	33. B. LANE	35. E. MILLIS
24. Jim Parsons	21. J. O'BRIEN	36. D. ALEXANDER (VC)	37. M. FRANCES
27. Joe Tomasi	22. S. CLEEVE	38. T. MILLIS	40. R. ALEXANDER
30. Nick Evans	23. A. DRINAN	41. G. PEKALIS	42. A. NOONAN
32. Ronald Trigg	26. R. SCHLOEFFEL	44. L. SUNTER	45. A. ERSKINE
34. Robert Guest	27. G. KATRIS	46. G. SMITH	47. J. KELLY
36. Marty Reeves	31. S. WORRELL	48. D. STEVENS (C)	50. K. REGAN
37. Luke Magee	32. J. MCCONVILLE	51. A. WILSON	53. R. JOHNSON
39. Jason Wilkins	33. B. LANE	54. D. GOODBODY	55. A. DONEGAN
40. Rhys Nuttall	35. E. MILLIS	56. S. BRADY	60. N. KYRIAZIS
42. Ian McBurney	36. D. ALEXANDER (VC)	61. B. SAUNDERS	62. C. SINCLAIR
43. Sam Baillie	37. M. FRANCES	63. G. GORIS	
45. Jason Bennie	38. T. MILLIS		
50. Dan Ryan	40. R. ALEXANDER		
53. Steve Addicot	41. G. PEKALIS		
54. Tom McBurney	42. A. NOONAN		
57. Richard Rome	44. L. SUNTER		
68. Adam Stapleton	45. A. ERSKINE		
69. Robert Capoditemo	46. G. SMITH		
74. Justin Bane	47. J. KELLY		
99. Chris McGrath	48. D. STEVENS (C)		
	50. K. REGAN		
	51. A. WILSON		
	53. R. JOHNSON		
	54. D. GOODBODY		
	55. A. DONEGAN		
	56. S. BRADY		
	60. N. KYRIAZIS		
	61. B. SAUNDERS		
	62. C. SINCLAIR		
	63. G. GORIS		
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1/4 TIME	1/2 TIME	3/4 TIME	FINAL

Rob is pictured below during and after the game played at Box Hill, where he is after found enjoying the first moments of the after-game celebration:



At the end of the 2001 football season; he was invited to play for the Coburg Tigers Football Club and was set to debut in his first senior game but was struck down with what would become a temporary hereditary enlarged spleen. Nonetheless, that year, 2001, Rob and his team mate Brad Wight, were both invited to play for the Coburg Tigers, after debuting in the senior side for Sunbury Lions. Noting further that Sunbury Football Club (Lions), is one of oldest football clubs in Australia founded in 1879. It continues to be one of the strongest clubs in the top country competition in Victoria, the Ballarat Football League (BFL):



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KEY FACTS

Official name
Sunbury Football Netball Club

Known as
Sunbury

Formed
1879

Colours
Royal blue and white

Emblem
Lions

Affiliation (Current)
Ballarat Football League (BFL) 1997–2023

Affiliation (Historical)
Riddell District Football League (RDFL) 1904–1996

Senior Premierships
Riddell District Football League (RDFL) - 1922, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1969, 1976-7, 1980, 1982, 1987-8, 1990, 1996 (13 total);
Ballarat Football League - 1997-8-9, 2004, 2012 (5 total)

SUNBURY

Prior to commencing in the Ballarat Football League in 1997 Sunbury had enjoyed considerable success in the Riddell District Football League, claiming a total of thirteen senior grade premierships dating as far back as the 1920s. The club could scarcely have had a more memorable start to its involvement in the BFL as it promptly won three senior grade premierships in succession. A fourth was added in 2004 and a fifth in 2012 courtesy of a 23.17 (155) to 15.8 (98) grand final trouncing of Redan.. In addition to their senior grade successes in the BFL the Lions have claimed no fewer than half a dozen reserve grade flags plus three in the thirds. The seniors have been losing BFL grand finalists on no fewer than seven occasions.

Source
John Devaney - Full Points Publications

The record below shows Rob, along with Brad, making their debut in the first round of the season for the Sunbury senior team on April 7, 2001 (Ballarat Football League Record, April 14 2001, page 13):

Sunbury Lions

2001 Team List

Coach: Phillip O'Keefe

Sr	NAME	G	P
1	Scott McNaughton		
2	Matthew Camilleri		
3	Brendan Trelocock		
4	Matthew Baird		
5	Shane O'Leary		
6	Jared Steel		
7	Brad Roach		
8	Mark Pollard		
9	Chris Edwards		
10	Brent Purcell		
11	Phillip O'Keefe		
12	Conor Phillips		
13	Simon Maylor		
14	Scott Lobb		
15	Aaron Thomas		
16	David Brick		
17	Bruce Howard		
18	Pat Davis		
19	Mark Fedoruk		
20	Adam Sleight		
21	Marcus Hildebrand		
22	Robert Guest		
23	Mick Carr		
24	Chris Dixon		
25	Im Sperry		
26	Neville Codd		
27	Tim McDonald		
28	Duncan Crommie		
29	Grant Lapsion		

Lions Den

Sunbury kicked off the season with all the football and netball teams recording excellent victories. Today is another game with Ballarat coming off a draw last week the stakes will be high and the Lions will have to be at their full mental attitude against the Swans.

The seniors last week won 18-12-120 to 10-7-67 Goal kickers: Daniel McCabe 3, Robert Guest, Marcus Hildebrand, David Brick, Phil O'Keefe, Chris Edwards, Jared Steel, Matt Camilleri 2. Best players: Matt Baird, Chris Edwards, Marcus Hildebrand, Mark Fedoruk, Daniel McCabe. Seven players made their senior debut with the club last week: Phil O'Keefe (Parkside), Brad Roach (Airport West), Chris Dixon (Keilor), Pat Davis (Parkside ex Sunbury Under 18), Marcus Hildebrand, Robert Guest, Brad Wight (all last season Under 18).

The reserves had a brilliant win and look to be travelling well enough to become a force this year, scores, 25-16-166 to 6-4-40. Goal Kickers: Mick Carr, Mark Pollard 4, Andy McCabe, Lincoln Conduit 3, Tim McDonald, Trevor Proud, Scott Lobb 2. Best Players: Luke Cannard, Scott Lobb, Cameron Harty, Mark Pollard, Mick Carr.

The under 18's were in simulating form winning 21-10-136 to 3-8-26 with David Gibson winning the Calder Park Motorsport award.

These two senior team rookies, played sufficiently well they were subsequently selected to represent the Ballarat Football League (BFL) in the 2001 Smoke Free, Victorian County Championships. Rob is pictured below by the Sunbury Leader Newspaper that year in an article they published capturing him laying a tackle on Lake Wendouree player Dale Shorter (Photograph attributed to Shane Bell, Leader Newspaper):



- A69. A year prior, in 2000, Rob and his team mate Brad Wight, were also selected to represent their home club Sunbury, playing for the BFL U/18 representative team also in the Victorian U/18 Country Championships. That same season, Rob Guest (1982-) was runner-up Best & Fairest for the U/18 team. Below is an account of one of their games played that season, placing Rob and Brad amongst the best players on that day (Round 14, 2001, Sunbury Football Club Lions News, page 1):

MATCH REPORTS – ROUND 14	
SENIORS: SUNBURY 39 - 17 - 251 D EAST BALLARAT 4 - 8 - 32	
As the newspapers reported, this game centred on how much Sunbury would win by. A 12 - 7 - 79 to 1 - 1 - 7 first quarter set the scene, with 8, 9, and 10 in the final three terms. The opportunity was taken to run a few guys into form and to rest Matt Baird, Matt Camilleri and Jared Steel for most of the game. With Chris Edwards, Rob Townsend, "Guido" Mezzatesta and Peter Barrie out injured and to return, the selectors will have difficulty picking the best side leading into the finals.	
Mark Shaw with 9 - 3 in his third game (4 in succession during the first term), Buddha White got 7 - 6 at full forward (6 marks and a 50 metre penalty free), Mick Townsend 5 straight and eight others scored too. Brendan Hehir racked up 46 possessions (15 marks), Nathan Fuller 43, Luppo 37 (13 marks) and Mick Townsend 30.	
GOALKICKERS: Shaw 9, White 7, Townsend 5, Prowd 4, Steel, Fuller 3, Sleight, McCabe, Lupson 2 and singles to Camilleri and Brick	
BEST PLAYERS: Shaw, Hehir, Fuller, Townsend, Lupson, Sleight	
RESERVES: SUNBURY 20 - 18 - 138 DEFEATED EAST BALLARAT 3 - 4 - 22	
The Reserves also had an easy win, despite having approx. ten out due to injury and unavailability. Several Under 18's stepped up and acquitted themselves admirably. Stand in Coach Sully had a quiet day only kicking one goal but still leads the League table with 48. Ben Auty made the most of his opportunities to finish with four and usual full back Matt Pettman also kicked one.	
GOALKICKERS: Auty 4, Luke Cannard, Carr 3, Codd 2, Bradbury, Hatty, Sullivan, Newitt, Crommie, Lobb, Pettman, Wood 1 each.	
BEST PLAYERS: Cannard, Pettman, Hatty, Carr, Lobb, Auty	
UNDER 18'S: SUNBURY 23 - 17 - 155 DEFEATED BY EAST BALLARAT 3 - 1 - 19	
Against the bottom side, the Lion Cubs went on the rampage to record a 136 point victory. Matt Cannard led the way with 7 majors. Several of the lesser known players had a full game and were not disgraced. They have a bye this week (Daylesford) and then front ladder leaders Sebastopol the following week.	
GOALKICKERS: Matt Cannard 7, Norris, Cam McCabe 3, Andy McCabe 2, Riley, Cananzi, Maylor, Gibson, Wight, Arkinstall, Hildebrand, Guest 1 apiece.	
BEST PLAYERS: Guest, Wight, Cannard, C McCabe (2 great marks), Hildebrand, Norris	

Earlier still, in 1999, Rob played for the Heidelberg Football Club senior reserves team in the Diamond Valley Football League (Now called the Northern Football League-NFL). He, along with several mates, including the Williams brothers of Heidelberg, all stepped up play senior reserves in a very strong and highly regarded local competition.

All three Williams boys had excellent careers at Heidelberg Football Club including playing in four successive Division 1 premiership teams.

In 1998 in the U/17s competition, Rob and his great lifelong friend, Jake Williams both played for Heidelberg who defeated Whittlesea, to win the premiership in Division 3 of the Diamond Valley Football League [DVFL] U/17 competition:

DVFL JUNIOR FOOTBALL RECORD		AUGUST 2, 1998	
SECOND SEMI FINAL UNDER 17 DIVISION THREE			
HEIDELBERG		WHITTLESEA	
COACH	Terry Twomey	COACH	James Seaford
TEAM MANAGER	Dennis Meyer	TEAM MANAGER	Lindsay Gentry
RUNNER	Jeff Lang	RUNNER	Ray Walker
CLUB COLOURS	Black with Yellow Strips	CLUB COLOURS	Red & Gold Stripes
G B		G B	
1. Simon Vitorio (C)		1. Andrew Stephens (C)	
2. Justin Rakusz		2. Leigh Brown	
3. James Bayley		3. Dale Oakley	
4. Terry West		4. Bradley Ragen (VIC)	
5. Clinton Fitzgerald-Schpark		5. Paul Gissing	
6. Kristian Phillips		6. Scott Cumstolo	
7. Dallas Folland		7. Lee Davis	
8. Justin Kendrick		8. Trent Smith	
9. Mark Faure (VIC)		9. Glenn Scott	
10. Brendan Murnane		10. Ben Morgan	
11. James Terry		11. Frank Pappalardo	
12. Frank Chahade		14. David Devincenzo	
13. Chad Walker		16. Daniel Holmes	
14. Robert Guert		21. Bradley Byrne	
16. Brent Williams		22. Travis Crawford	
18. Kalen Clark		25. Rowan Willis	
19. Andrew Laird		26. Adam Sutherland	
20. Stewart Laid		29. Stephen French	
21. Alister Matthews		30. Ben Podger	
22. Patrick Stapleton		31. Joseph Martin	
24. Jason Mills		32. Michael Peters	
26. Daniel Hapworth		33. Luke Robinson	
28. Jake Williams		34. Nick Canzana	
27. Brett Lacey		46. Jim Hallam	
46. Bill Falzon			
61. Graeme Upchurch			
71. Heath O'Connor			
91. Ben Wright			
SCOREBOARD			
1/4 TIME	1/2 TIME	3/4 TIME	FINAL
FIELD UMPIRES:		D. Groom, R. Yin	

Rob is pictured below receiving his premiership medallion in 1997. That same year, representing Heidelberg, Rob played for the DVFL representative team:



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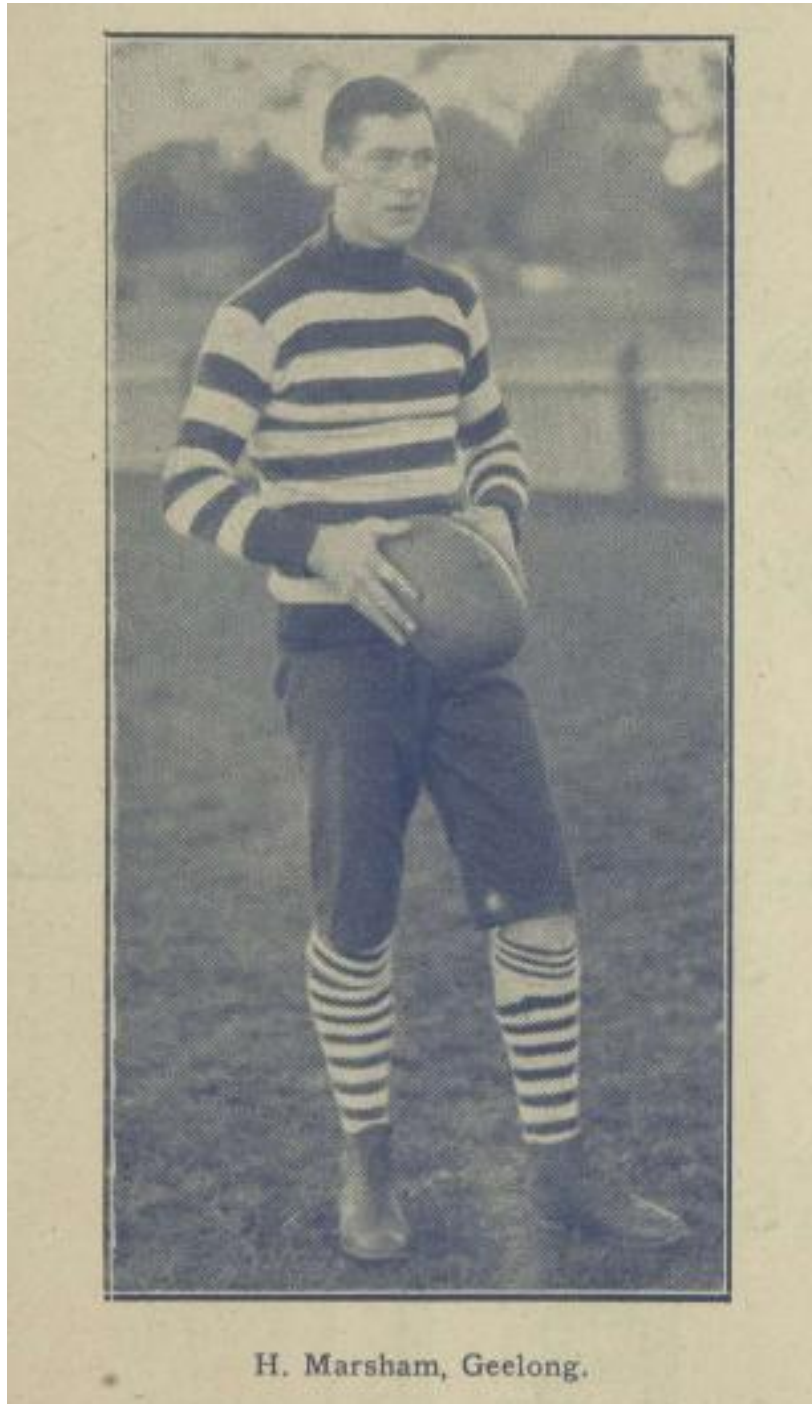
HARRIS & LEVI GUEST – MACLEOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The author's grandson, son of Robert Guest, great grandson of Jack Guest, Carlton & Fitzroy Football Clubs and 2nd great grandsons of Archie Guest of the North Melbourne & Williamstown Football Clubs continues the natural gravitation towards Australia. His younger brother pictured with him below is also now, aged 5 years hungry for the game playing AusKick to. They haven't missed a session with Dad Rob. Harris is also a very good basketballer with the under 8s Banyule Hawks club and loves to run:



Harris and Levi's mother, the author's daughter in-law, Fiona Guest, nee Cummane's collateral ancestor, Harry "Nipper" Marsham (1890-1932), played VFL (Victorian Football League) for Geelong and Richmond (Harry Marsham, Player Bio" Australian Football, retrieved 2nd August, 2020).

Harry's son, Alan Marsham, also played with Geelong. Harry, returned to Geelong for the 1917 season and captained the club that year (Geelong Football Club Honour Roll). He further represented Geelong in cricket against the visiting English IX:



JACK LANDT 1996 – SUNBURY, ST MARY’S & DIMBOOLA FCs

Jack is the first of three sons born to the author John Guest’s youngest sister Terry Landt, nee Guest and husband Tony Landt and his brother Dylan and Brock Landt. All three Landt boys are extremely talented footballers and cricketers.

The three of them have all played junior and gone on to play senior football for Sunbury in the top country Ballarat Football League.

Jack was recruited in 2013 to play for the Calder Cannons in the premier Australian Football League’s under 18s (Source: AFL Victoria, Record, TAC Cup Round 5, ANZAC Day Round April 25-26, 2014):

Calder Cannons



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Website: www.caldercannons.afvic.com.au

No.	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	PREVIOUS CLUB	G	R
1	George Perovic	11-Aug-97	189	82	Essendon Double Stars		
2	Josh Power	5-Jan-97	175	70	Geelong		
3	Raeko Smith	11-Sep-96	189	76	Sunbury Kangaroos		
4	Michael Tang	22-Dec-96	188	80	Hatchfield		
5	Ben Allen	4-Jan-96	178	71	Panacea Vals		
6	Jaquar Foster	1-Jan-95	191	91	Aberfeldie		
7	Lachlan Cotnamagh	19-May-95	188	79	Strathmore		
8	Luka Kennedy	7-Sep-95	188	75	Strathmore		
9	Sam Good	14-Jan-96	191	75	Aberfeldie		
10	Alex Rims	17-Jan-97	187	78	Aberfeldie		
11	Mitch Carr	18-May-97	174	73	Sunbury Lions		
12	Harley O'Brien	23-Aug-95	201	98	Mooroolbark		
13	Timothy Wilson	7-Dec-95	184	73	Glenside		
14	Marcus De Leeuw	3-Mar-95	189	79	St Bernards		
15	Jack Landt	7-Jan-96	189	75	Sunbury Lions		
16	Josh Carlgren	30-Apr-95	183	77	Strathmore		
17	Josh Guthrie	27-Feb-95	182	70	Sunbury Lions		
18	Jed Carey	2-Oct-95	183	77	St Bernards		

He excelled and went on to represent the Ballarat Football League (BFL) in the Victorian Country Championships (Image source: Herald Sun Local Footy, Leader 2020), something his older 1st cousin Rob Guest had done earlier, in 2001:



In 2021, Jack was lured to Dimboola Football Club in the Wimmera Football League (WFL). He has subsequently been elevated to captain and coach the club.

In 2022 Dimboola senior team coached by Jack Landt made the finals for the first time in many years and bowed out after being defeated by Horsham Demons FC by 37 points (Horsham Times, 29th August 2022):



Under Jack's on field leadership and skills coaching, the club's fortunes in 2022 turned around:

2022 WFNL finals | Versatile Dimboola Roos stand united

By Abby Walter

Dimboola unexpectedly rose to the challenge this year, starting the season with a 12-premiership point penalty and making up the difference to finish with a finals berth.

It was not until after round seven that the Roos began moving up on the board with their fourth win of the season.

Since that round, they lost two games, against second-placed Minyip-Murtoa and third-placed Stawell.

Senior coach Jack Landt assumed the role in round nine after sharing it with Justin Beugelaar early on.

Dimboola's road to the finals

Coach: Jack Landt

Round 1: L. 9.13 (67) lost to Southern Mallee Giants 15.16 (106). Away.

Round 2: L. 9.14 (68) lost to Minyip-Murtoa 11.9 (75). Home.

Round 3: W. 10.15 (75) d Horsham 9.9 (63). Away.

Round 4: L. 6.6 (42) lost to Ararat 12.14 (86). Away.

Round 5: W. 10.13 (73) d Stawell 10.10 (70). Home.

Round 6: W. 19.12 (126) d Nhili 11.6 (72). Away.

Round 7: W. 16.13 (109) d Horsham Saints 10.6 (66). Home.

Round 8: Bye.

Round 9: W. 16.16 (112) d Warrack Eagles 11.5 (71). Away.

Round 10: W. 16.12 (108) d Southern Mallee Giants 14.8 (92). Home.

Round 11: L. 7.7 (49) lost to Minyip-Murtoa 10.12 (72). Away.

Round 12: W. 15.15 (105) d Horsham 12.9 (81). Home.

Round 13: W. 12.9 (81) d Ararat 11.10 (76). Home.

Round 14: L. 4.8 (32) lost to Stawell 4.14 (38). Away. **

Round 15: W. 12.8 (80) d Nhili 2.13 (25). Home.

Round 16: W. 19.17 (131) d Horsham Saints 10.9 (69). Away. *

Round 17: Bye.

Round 18: W. 17.23 (125) d Warrack Eagles 6.3 (39). Home.

* Highest score ** Lowest score

Jack Landt was re-appointed coach in 2023, and 2024. In 2023 he had a successful season in 2023 and his team was expected in 2024 to challenge for the premiership but faltered. In 2023 the clubs top recruit, was brother Dylan Landt, and in 2024 Jack's St Mary's NTAFL premiership team mate, and 72 goal kicker, in the Northern Territory Football League, his friend James Calder played for Dimboola. Despite the promise, Dimboola had a disappointing 2024 (Source: Lauren Henry, The Weekly Advertiser, 2nd September 2024).

During the Victorian summer period he and brother Dylan play for the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) power house club, St Marys. Jack is pictured below playing for St Mary's:



Jack Landt for St Mary's on fire in 2020-21, NTFL Season
(Source: Grey Morris, NT News, Sun, 13 December 2020)

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DYLAN LANDT 1996 – SUNBURY, ST MARY’S, ESSEND & GLENELG FCs

In his youth, Dylan also played junior football for Sunbury Lions. He followed in his brother Jack’s footsteps being recruited also by the Calder Cannons. Like Jack, Dylan excelled in this elite Under 18, AFL competition and being taller, he came under the notice of senior AFL clubs:

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Calder Cannons winger Dylan Landt sprints into AFL draft frame with improved TAC Cup output

BLINK and you will miss Dylan Landt hurtling down the wings at Highgate Reserve.

Tim Michell



Dylan Landt kicks under pressure against Greater Western Victoria Rebels. Picture: David Smith.

- A398. In 2019 Dylan was drafted to play for the Essendon VFL reserve team and won that year the Essendon Football Club, VFL side, “VFL Rising Star” award (Image source: Essendon VFL@essendonvfl [Twitter], September 26, 2019:



In the NTFL 2020/21 season, Dylan won a series of major media awards. He was judged the best player in the league by sports journalists, for the 2020/2021 season, winning the NT News and De Silva Hebron player of the year awards:



Saints star equals NTFL season stats record

ST MARY'S dominated the stats in Round 17 with form import and potential Nichols medal winner equalling the season's highest stat haul with a stunning 48 disposals

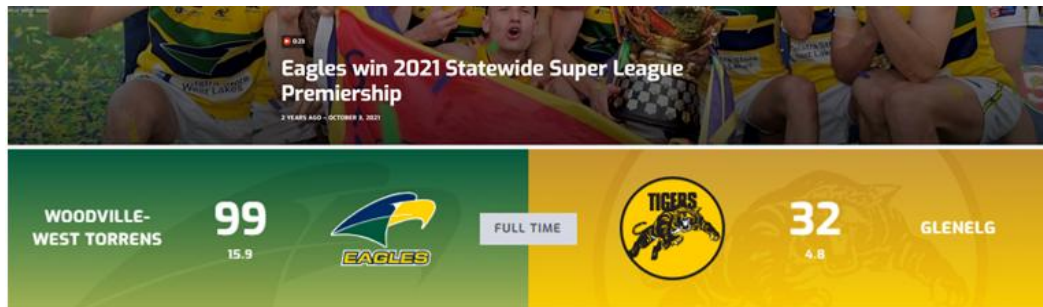
Saint Dylan is the NT News-De Silva Hebron player of the year

Another St Mary's win in NTFL individual awards with utility Dylan Landt claiming the player of the year trophy

As a mature age player in 2021, Dylan nominated once more for the AFL draft and whilst not picked up by an AFL club, he transferred from Essendon VFL to Glenelg in South Australian National Football League (SANFL) (Source: AFL News, "Every Player: See the 863 nominations for the 2021 NAB AFL Draft, November 24, 2021). That year he played in the 2021 SANFL Grand Final for Glenelg Tigers soundly defeated by Woodville-West Torrens Eagles:



Dylan had an excellent season and played in the 2022 SANFL grandfinal and despite a crushing loss to the Woodville-West Torrens Eagles, he was judged amongst Glenelg Tiger's best players that day (Milbank, Z, 2021, SANFL Website):



“Glenelg, seeking to become the first SANFL club to win the men’s and women’s competition in the same year, were pressured into uncustomary mistakes and were never able to get any fluency moving forward.

2019 Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Snook battled his heart out across four quarters for Glenelg, finishing with 22 disposals, eight tackles and nine clearances through the midfield.

West Adelaide recruit Brett Turner had 22 disposals and snap goal in the third term while dashing defender Dylan Landt was the Tigers’ highest disposal-winner with 26.

The loss signalled the end of premiership forward Marlon Motlop’s career, with the Tiger giving his side an early spark with the first goal of the game.”

Dylan is now a two time, back-to-back winner of the prestigious Nichols Medal awarded to the Best & Fairest player in the AFL’s Northern Territory Football League senior competition. In the 2023/2024 season Dylan and brother Jack played side by side to help St Mary’s win the 2023/4 premiership.

Jack was amongst the best players during the finals series as was Dylan. Dylan had an outstanding year winning back to back the Nichols Medal, for being the best and fairest player in Northern Territory Football League (AFL) competition.

He also took out his third best and fairest award for the club and many media awards (Refer AFL NTFL Media releases) Murray, T, Star Weekly, 15th March 2023). Understandably, Dylan’s football loving family is very proud of his efforts to win this most prestigious award:



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BROCK LANDT- RUPERTSWOOD, DIMBOOLA & SUNBURY FCs

Jack and Dylan younger brother Brock Lindsay Landt, grandson also of Jack Guest, Carlton & Fitzroy and great grandson of Archie Guest, North Melbourne & Williamstown player is a talented player in his own right.

In 2018 Brock won the Phil Collins Medal awarded to the best player across the two matches played by Rupertswood against the strong Cairns and Townsville's representative teams (Source twitter: #AFLGoldfields2018). Brock also made his senior debut in May 2018 for Rupertswood 2018. The same year Brock represented the Riddell District Football League (RDFL) in the Victorian Country Football Championships:



In 2022, Brock joined his brother Jack playing seniors for Dimboola in the Wimmera Football & Netball League (WFNL) and he returned home to play for Sunbury Lions for the 2024 season (Ballarat Football Netball Football League). (Whelan, T, 26 May, 2012, "Giantkillers" - Sunbury remain the only unbeaten team atop of the BFNL ladder after a thrilling come from behind win over Darley at the Clarke Oval. The Moorabool News, Image of Brock, attributed to Darley Football Netball Club, Season 2024 Collection):

"Lions newcomers Brock Landt, Jordan Tentonello, Ben Eales, and promoted Jacob Bygate highlighted the club's enviable depth under Matty White, to feature among the best players behind VFL-listed defender Jack Newitt, and progressive midfielder Jake Egan".



Brock Landt

Statistics

Overview

Season Stats

Bellair Football Netball League, 2024

Sunbury Football Netball Club

Bellair Football Netball League

6 Games Played

3 Total Goals

3 Best Player

COMPETITION	GP	G	BP
McDonald's Bellair Seniors	6	3	2
VS East Point Seniors Round 6, 01-Jun-2024	1	0	-
VS Lake Wendouree Seniors Round 7, 03-May-2024	1	0	-
VS Darley Seniors Round 9, 08-May-2024	1	1	1
VS North Bellair Seniors Round 5, 05-May-2024	1	1	-
VS Blackhawk Marsh Seniors Round 4, 04-May-2024	1	1	1
TOTAL	6	3	2

Final Scores:

Darley 2.4-16, 4.5-29, 8.7-55, 9.8-62 lost to

Sunbury 0.0-0, 3.3-21, 5.4-34, 10.10-70

Darley (Goals): J.Cadman 2, R.Matricardi, D.Matricardi, L.Baker, M.Ward, Ad.Azzopardi, H.Inglis.

Sunbury (Goals): M.McLean 3, J.Sutton 2, L.Urbon 2, T.Werner, B.Landt, F.Ampulski.

Darley (Best): Z.LeHuray, L.Baker, J.Fawcett, M.Brett, J.Ancrum, J.Cadman.

Sunbury (Best): J.Newitt, B.Landt, J.Bygate, J.Tentonello, B.Eales, J.Egan.

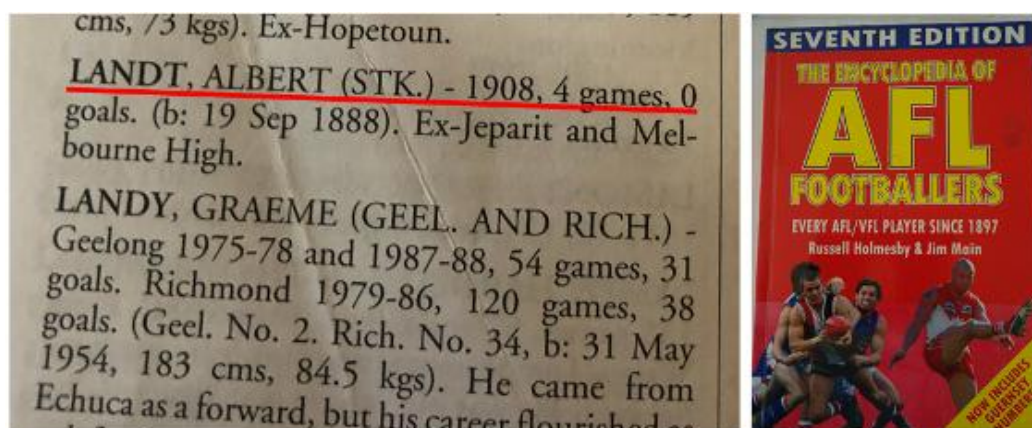
The Sunbury Lions, established in 1879, are one of Australia's oldest Australian rules football clubs, now in their 134th year (Brock, Dylan and Jack Landt, their 1st cousin Robert Guest, and his father, the researcher, John Guest all played senior for the club):



All three Landt boys can further trace their football bloodline through their father Tony Landt, who played for Reservoir Lakeside in the Diamond Valley Football League in the 1970s and his father, Douglas George Landt (1930-1987). Doug won the best and fairest award for Warracknabeal, Western Victoria in 1951 (Photo attributed to Terry Landt, nee Guest, Warracknabeal Football Club, Best and Fairest Honour Board, 1951 – D. Landt):



Doug Landt's (1930-1987) is the son of Albert "Alby" George Landt (Alby) (1888-1954), who played 4 senior games for St Kilda Football Club in the VFL in 1908, aged 20 years. The extract below was taken from the The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers which list all player who played at least one senior game in the A/VFL elite competition (Holmesby, R & Main, J The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers, 7th Edition):



The facsimile copy above confirms Alby Landt (1888-1954) was recruited from Jeparit Western Victoria, via Melbourne High School to play for the Saints.

Blended is the football genes passed down to Jack, Dylan and Brock Landt, along their paternal and maternal lines, with football genes passed to them through their mother Terry from her father, Jack Guest (1921-1987) et al.

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CLIFF GUEST (1944-) – NORTH HEIDELBERG & FAIRFIELD FCs

The author's first cousin Clifton Henry Guest [II] (1944-) is the second born son of Cliff Guest 1916-1979, who in turn the second born son of Archie and Florence Guest, nee Logan. Cliff being the nephew of Jack Guest, the author's father.

Cliff Guest the younger was a fine local footballer and finished his career with a season at North Fawkner YCW winning the premiership in 1977. Prior to 1977, in 1976 he finished his last season with North Heidelberg in the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL), now Northern Football League – NFL.

That year Cliff captained and coached the team after returning to the club he played with as a junior. The return came when his previous senior club Fairfield Amateurs merged with North Heidelberg.

Earlier, between the years 1962-1973 he chose to play for Fairfield Amateur Football Club because it was close to his work and he could more easily get to training in winter at Fairfield, rather than make the longer journey to North Heidelberg. He is pictured below in a team shot taken with Fairfield late 1960s:



In 1973, Cliff's performance in Fairfield's strong win against University High School in 1973 season was acknowledged (The Amateur Footballer, July 7 1973, page 6):

C SECTION

Parkside 2.5 10.7 16.13 23.15-153
St. Kilda CBOC 4.6 7.7 13.8 16.10-106

PARKSIDE: Sammutt 8, Poyntz 5, Wiseman 4, Gary Dryden 2, Ridd, Graham Dryden, Rodda, King. Best: Sammutt, Graham Dryden, Peter Johnston, Ridd, Tom Johnston, D. Gleeson.

ST KILDA CBOC: Calleja 4, Salter 4, Casey 3, K. White 2, Drew, Sheehan, Mason. Best: K. White, Caroli, Hatswell, Calleja, Sherman.

Old Melburnians 3.3 4.4 8.6 9.8 - 62
Old Halleybury 2.1 2.4 3.5 9.6 - 60

OLD MELBURNIANS: Boyle 2, Robertson 2, Weir 2, Collier, Rattrey, Stuckey. Best: Mumme, Stuckey, Rattray, Weir, Rudd, Rogers.

OLD HAILEYBURY: Bowring 5, Houghton, Forbes, Troup, Howard. Best: Cocks, Hat-tam, Kane, Marshall, Shapter, Warnock.

Fairfield 4.5 9.8 12.13 21.16-142
UHS Old Boys 2.2 5.3 6.4 9.7 - 61

FAIRFIELD: Woodhead 8, Chapman 5, Bux 2, Capoldi, Richardson, Wykes, Fitzgerald, Keane, Hyland. Best: Woodhead, Fitzgerald, Mather, Guest, Knight, Sparrey.

UHS OLD BOYS: Morrell, Robinson, Reid, McMahon, J. Griffin, Johnston, Atkinson, Andronis, A. Taylor. Best: Robinson, Watt, Johnston, J. Griffin, Kinnear, Flavel.

Old Brighton Gr 3.1 7.4 13.7 18.14-122
Old Xaverians 4.3 6.4 9.9 10.10- 70

OLD BRIGHTON: B. McBriar 8, Agar 6, Watkins 2, A. Mullett, Reid. Best: D. Wood, Thomas, Agar, A. Mullett, McBriar, Evans.

OLD XAVERIANS: Goalkickers, best players not received.

Power House 2.5 8.11 16.16 22.22-154
National Bank 2.9 3.10 4.14 7.16- 58

POWER HOUSE: Bartlett 5, Shewan 5, Godfrey 3, Crick 3, Miller 2, Upton, Peters, Naish, Coloe. Best: Shewan, Daniel, Miller, Godfrey, Crick, Peters.

D SECTION

Hampton Rovers 2.7 7.10 14.11 15.17-107
Brunswick 4.2 9.2 13.2 16.9 -103

HAMPTON ROVERS: I. Rolls 3, Shanks 3, Housden 3, S. Hockett 2, B. Bennett 2, Fleer, Wolfe. Best: Leeming, Bird, Housden, Shanks, Wolfe, S. Hockett.

BRUNSWICK: Johnstone 3, Hart 3, Staples 2, Jones 2, Palmer, Beckett, Doyle, Knox, Abernethy, Gillett. Best: Jones, Lasala, Cullinan, Gillett, Palmer, Doyle.

Alphington 5.5 8.8 12.11 20.17-137
LaTrobe Blacks 5.2 9.7 12.7 14.8 - 92

ALPHINGTON: McKay 6, Gross 5, Williams 3, Cecil 3, Roberts, G. Gale, Shearer. Best: McKay, Skerry, Eaton, Roberts, Adams, Cecil.

LA TROBE BLACKS: Moloney 4, Witte 3, Sgro 2, G. O'Brien 2, P. Dann, Harriott, Kepitis. Best: Rowe, Gould, B. O'Brien, G. O'Brien, Oakes.

Marcellin OC 5.4 10.10 12.13 15.18-108
Old Geelong Gr 4.2 6.7 8.15 10.18- 78

MARCELLIN OC: G. Shaw 5, Power 3, Toohey 2, Allen, Ahern, Butler, Gooley, J. Gartner. Best: Mahon, G. Shaw, Power, Mathews, Allen, Jolley.

OLD GEELONG: Spiden 3, P. Yencken 3, Gilbert 2, Lewis, Stewart Anderson. Best: Weibye, P. Kencken, Fraser, A. Yencken, Crawford, Holland.

C'wealth Bank 1.3 9.3 12.5 14.10- 94
St Kevin's OB 2.7 6.9 9.17 12.22- 94

COMMONWEALTH BANK: Thompson 4, D. Brown 2, McCrimmon 2, Monahan 2, R. White, Curtin, Borrack, Comben. Best: D. Brown, Hutchins, R. White, Monahan, Borrack, J. White.

ST. KEVIN'S OLD BOYS: Corrigan 3, Hart 2, Olie 2, Low 2, Boyd, Kelly, Evans. Best: B. Johnson, Low, King, McArdle, Hart, O'Kelly.

That year Fairfield, favourites to win the premierhip, was dramatically disqualified minutes prior to taking the field to play the grandfinal. The disqualification resulted from the club being found to have paid a number of players that year which was forbidden (The Amateur Footballer, September 15, 1973):

C SECTION

POWER HOUSE won the premier-ship in C Section, Fairfield being de-barred from playing in the Grand Final, due to its having played an ineligible player in certain games.

Below is a photo of Cliff pictured with his North Heidelberg U/18 team mates, circa 1961. He is pictured far right, back row:



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SECTION SIX

The football biographies of members of the Guest families Logan and Baldooock lines beyond the author's father Jack Guest are submitted.

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KEITH BALDOCK – JEPARIT FOOTBALL CLUB

Victor “Keith” Baldock 1908-1952, played for Jeparit and Lorquon football clubs in the Wimmera Football League and was a talented footballer (Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria, Saturday 18th July 1936, Page 72, Jeparit's Easy Win):



Jeparit's Easy Win
PLAYING superior football in every department, Jeparit completely demoralised Nhill on Saturday. Jeparit have a speedier side and their players were always in the van.
 Nhill players appeared to be plugging along against sustained brilliance, and were obviously glad when the final bell rang with the scores: Jeparit, 17-18; Nhill, 11-13.
 It seems evident that the team which defeats Jeparit should win the mid-Wimmera premiership. V. Baldeck (back), Jeparit, and W. Lawrence, Nhill's utility man, were the best on the ground. Jeparit was also well-served by K. Baldock, Schneider and Livingston, members of a very even side.
 Nhill's best were, in addition to Lawrence, Dart, Moore, Dennis, Johnson and Otto.

Keith is the younger brother of Corporal Ray Baldock 1894-1917, KIA, Belgium who also played for Jeparit before the war as a young man with first hand accounts saying he was of exceptional talent. He booted 13 goals for Jeparit against Minyip in a single game and reported in the papers was that he could have made good in any company, but preferred to remain in the Jeparit area:



Jeparit's Goal-Kicker

KEITH BALDOCK created a sensation in Mid-Wimmera football by kicking 13 goals for Jeparit against Minyip recently. This feat has been equalled on one other occasion in that League, by Sid Smith, the Dimboola forward, against Nhill in 1934. Baldock plays half-forward for Jeparit, and his long raking kicks have put him at the head of the goal-kickers in the league. He is a tall player and built upon solid lines, and is the type that would make good in any company. Occasionally he is used as a follower, but he does not get the same opportunities to display his extraordinary aerial ability in that department. A brother, Vin., plays full-back for Jeparit.

VIV BALDOCK 1914-1992

Walpole Vivian Desmond “Viv” Baldock is pictured also played for Jeparit including for the 1936 premiership side beside his brother Keith and cousin “P” Logan.



All three family members Baldock x 2 and Logan x 1 are found below pictured together with their team mates in their look alike Fitzroy guernsey, winners of the 1936 Wimmera Football premierships



ROY LOGAN – JEPARIT FOOTBALL CLUB

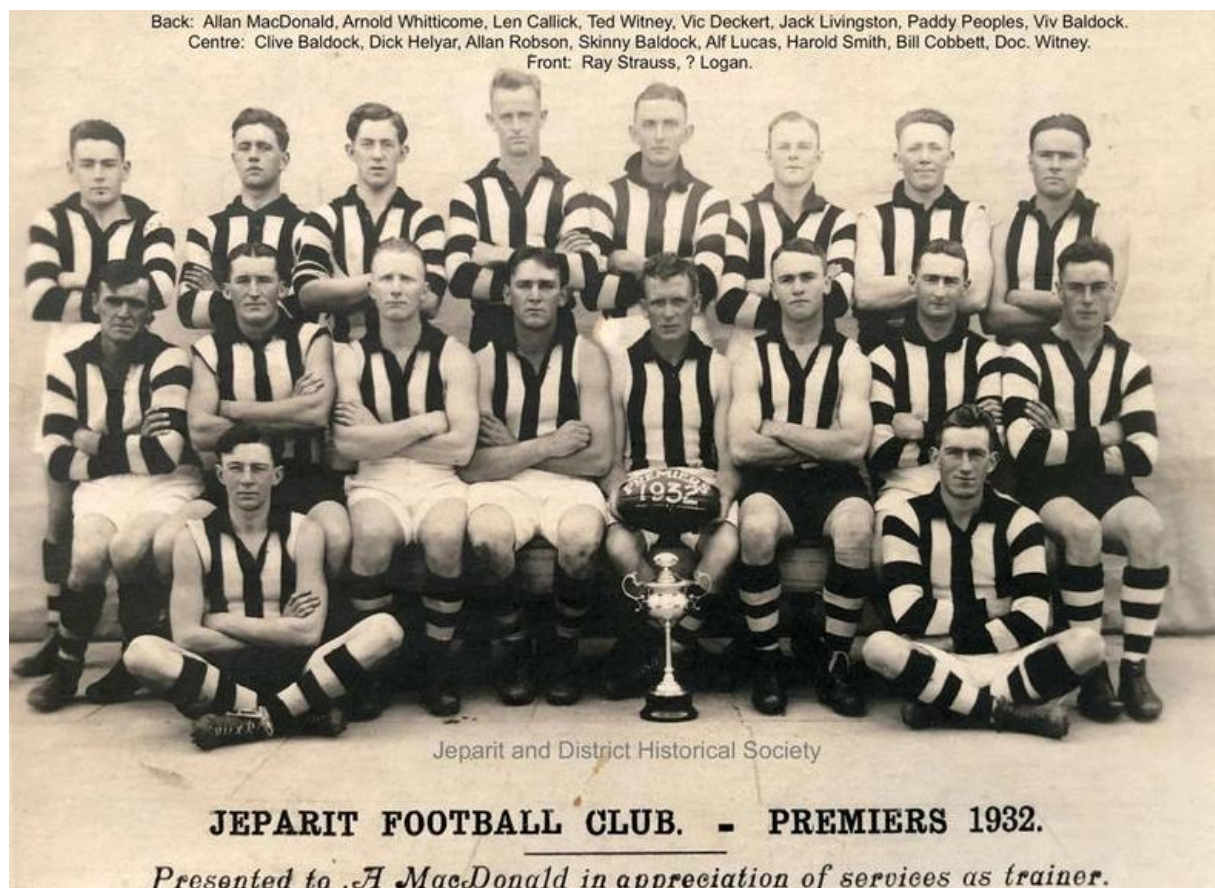
Certain is that “P” Logan cited above 1st from the left, back row, is Roy Logan, i.e., “R. Logan.” An error was made when names were added to the photograph in recent times. There is no “P. Logan” in our family of Jeparit of the same overlapping life span of cousins Keith and Viv Baldock in which to make an error. Roy’s enlistment photograph for WWII taken about 5 years or so later on the 11th March 1942 helps clear up the misidentification and making good Roy’s football biography:



ALFRED CLIVE BALDOCK 1897-1988



Clive Baldock played in the 1932 premiership team for Jeparit with his brothers "Skinning" and Viv. The year these Baldock boys won the flag Jeparit wore the Collingwood like strip. Clive is found on the middle row far left. His brother "skinny" two seats further left (i.e. 3rd from the left middle row). Viv is standing back row far right. In laws Tom and Doc Witney, brothers of Eva May Baldock 1898-1961, wife of Clive Baldock:



ROBERT “SKINNY” BALDOCK - JEPARIT FOOTBALL CLUB

Skinny played alongside his brothers Clive and Viv in the 1932 premiership win for Jeparit, below is a close up of him extracted also from the to photograph submitted above.



SECTION SEVEN

The football biographies of members of the Guest families maternal lines beyond the author's mother Norma Irene Guest nee Hay.

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THE GUEST'S MATERNAL HAY FAMILY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Pictured below is the author's cousin, David Hay's immediate family. David is the son of the late Graham Malcolm Hay and Linda Hay, nee Crews. Graham is the author's mother's brother. All three children and David and wife Mel Hay, nee Dziuba are forging successful football careers.

Pictured far left is Jazmyn playing for the Subiaco Football Club's female side, next Riley who commenced this season with Subiaco Under 19s in the West Australian Football League (WAFL). David and Mel are flanked by Noah who plays for Kingsley jurors and pictured far right:



The photograph above was taken when the Hay family won the Kingsley Football Club's Jarrad Dorney Medal for Best Club Person in 2022. The first time the award was presented to a whole family.

Dad David Hay is a development coach at Subiaco and former coach of the Kingsley football club.



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JAZMYN HAY – SUBIACO & KINGSLEY FOOTBALL CLUBS

Jazmyn Anne Hay (2006-) is a talented young player in her own right. Jaz has been recruited by Subiaco Football Club in the West Australian Football League added to the elite women's football squad. (Image attributed to West Oz Sports Photography, 2022):



Whilst Jaz is the first female in the family to be recruited to a state league competition, the love of Australian rules football extends to so many of our females involved in grass roots administration and who barrack passionately for their AFL team (Collingwood, Carlton and Brisbane Lions well represented). May it long continue and further female family well can be added to the player list.

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RILEY HAY – SUBIACO & KINGSLEY FOOTBALL CLUBS

Mel and David's eldest son Riley Alexander Hay (2008-) was selected as co- Captain of the Western Australia Under 15 Schoolboys team that played the national carnival in Ballarat Victoria in July 2023.

Riley is pictured below leading out the WA state team against Victoria in the National Championship Grand Final. Both teams were undefeated after the early rounds and West Australia were gallant in defeat in a tightly fought match, Victoria 4 goals 11 behinds, 35 points defeated Western Australia, 5 goals straight, 30 points:



Riley Hay (2008) is further shown below in action. He was recognised as amongst the best performing of WA players throughout the national carnival:



As previously mentioned, Riley began his senior career at Subiaco Football Club in the elite WAFL competition this year, selected for each game so far with the Colts team:



NOAH JACK HAY (2009-) - KINGSLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Youngest, Noah Jack Hay (2009-) is showing signs he may have also have inherited the athletic gene. Noah pictured below playing for the Kingsley Cats (left). Noah also enjoys his cricket:



Noah at the birthplace of the Ashes, Ruperts wood, Victoria, 2023

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SECTION EIGHT

The football biographies of members of the Guest families maternal lines Simmie, Joyce and Hamblin are now submitted and concludes the family footballscarp book as at 18th April 2025.

Our Collingwood family members who support the magpies we say I have left the best to last.

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JACK JOYCE – COLLINGWOOD & CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUBS



Jack Joyce's remarkable contribution to the Victorian Football League and establishment of the Collingwood Football Club recognised in The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia, Friday 11th April 1941, Page 9. Out Among the People:

OUT AMONG the PEOPLE

Pro VOX

IT was not football weather yesterday with the warm sun shining, but that made no difference to the enjoyment of a football hour I had. Mr. Tom Hill, the secretary of the National Football League, was good enough to take me along to meet those great old veterans of the game, Messrs. E. W. Copeland and J. Joyce, of Victoria. The league yesterday gave these two veteran visitors a complimentary luncheon, and I am certain that I was not the only one to enjoy their bright stories of the past and their live knowledge of the game today. Great authors and philosophers have written of the virtues of a lively interest in sport and our Australian football code, unknown to those authorities, must share the virtues of other games when it can cause such a lively interest and a happy atmosphere as that of that brief hour yesterday. I wondered how many hours of football service, either as players or administrators, that gathering would represent, for among those present were Mr. President Kelly and Messrs. T. S. O'Halloran, J. J. Woods, J. P. Dawes, C. P. Young, H. W. Tomkins, C. Hayter, W. A. Scott, and A. Kenny. Chaplain Charlie Perry ("Redwing," of Norwood) found time to attend. After the Armistice in the last war he captained one of the two teams to play the first Australian code game in England. In my memory is a somewhat amusing account of that match given by the London "Daily Mail," with the complete lack of understanding of the game exhibited in the report and the amusement it caused among the Australian troops. It was an appreciative story, however, and praised the vigor of the players and the code.

Founder Of Collingwood

MR. Joyce has a remarkable record of football experience. He played with Carlton in 1884, then in 1892 became one of the foundation members of the famous Collingwood Club. He thinks (and Port Adelaide supporters will agree) there must be something in the black and white colors, for Collingwood has a record something like that of Port Adelaide—the Victorian magpies have been premiers 11 times, and only out of the semi-finals on four or five occasions. Then later he represented Collingwood on the Victorian League for 16 years—14 of them as a State selector, and for 32 years has assisted in the administration of the club.

Mainly, Mr. Joyce told me, he played in the back lines for Collingwood, and, stationed there, once kicked a goal to win a premiership for his team. "Actually, the kick was one of 45 yards, but by latest reports it has grown to 75 yards," he said. "In a few years it should equal Dave McNamara's record kick of 82 yards. However, it is a much better and more scientific game they play now, for it was pretty crude then. We used to have one or two champions in a team in those days; now all the eighteen have to be champions in their own department."



Jack Joyce

Consulting Collingwood Forever, readers are informed by author, Michael Roberts, that:

"Jack Joyce was known to some as 'The Father of Collingwood', such was his impact on our football club in its earliest days. Yet he is a largely uncelebrated figure these days, despite his name adorning the trophy awarded to our third best and fairest player each season.

And that's probably because so much of the important work Jack did was *off* the field. Although he was an outstanding footballer, his playing career was largely over by the time the Magpies came into being.

John James Joyce was one of the earliest stars with Britannia, the club that was the precursor to Collingwood. He started playing with the Brits in their first season, 1878, and was vice-captain from the early days. He seems to have been made captain in 1880, and was definitively serving in that role in 1882.

The venerated annual called *The Footballer* once described Jack as "a magnificent all-round player, can be depended on anywhere, cannot be beaten as a back player, is also a splendid kick." Although his later football focused on defence, he was also known to play on the ball and in the centre.

In many ways, he was too good a footballer to be playing in a second-rate competition with Britannia. So, despite his strong Collingwood/Britannia ties, he crossed to Carlton in 1883. He quickly established himself as one of the leading players in the VFA, and in 1884 (the year his brother Tom joined him from Britannia) he was chosen to play for Victoria. The Australasian also named him as one of the best centremen/rovers of the year.

But Jack's heart still lay at Victoria Park. He remained on Britannia's committee even while playing with Carlton, and it was only a matter of time before he returned. That eventually happened in 1886, after three seasons with the Blues, when he served as vice-captain to Alf Dean. In 1887 he won a marble clock for good play, and by 1888 he was once again captain. But he wound back his playing commitments after the 1889 season and focused instead on administration.

By this time, the push to establish the Collingwood Football Club had begun in earnest, and Jack was a key part of it. He wanted a club that carried the name of the suburb, and which would be truly tied to it. He was at the earliest meetings, drove much of the support and persisted in the face of early setbacks. He is rightly regarded as one of the club's Founding Fathers.

In the years to come he would serve Collingwood, and the wider game, in myriad ways. He was a foundation member of the Football Committee, serving 31 years, a League delegate for 14 years, timekeeper in the 1890s, interstate selector for 12 years, a foundation member of the Cricket Committee, and a Life Member of the cricket and football clubs. He was also one of only two VFL Life Members given that honour during their time with the executive (Charles Brownlow was the other), etc ...

Jack is further pictured below in the 1894 Collingwood team photograph third from the right back row. Also pictured far right on the same back row is co-founder of Collingwood T.W. Sherrin:



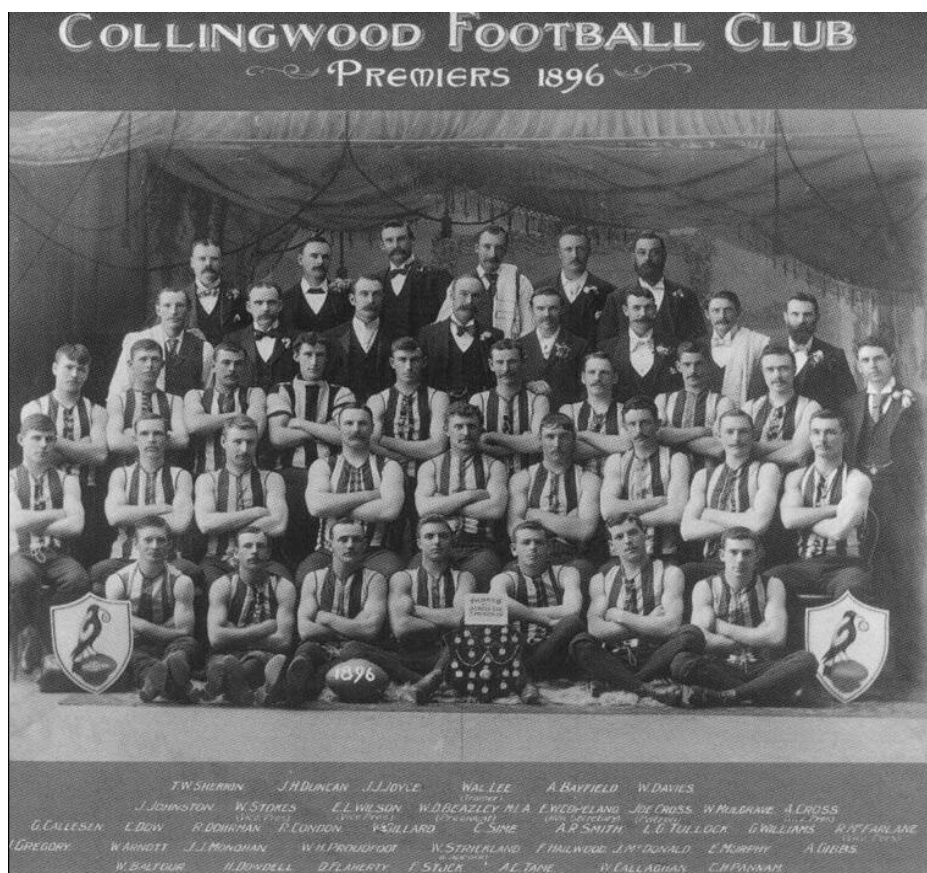
Collingwood, 1894

Back Row.—J. H. Duncan, W. Davies, E. L. Wilson, R. M'Farlane,
L. Tullock, F. Stock, Hon. W. D. Beazley, P. Miller, F. Bern-
stein, — Dohrman, J. I. Joyce, A. Cross, T. W. Sherrin.
Second Row.—Wal Lee, A. Bayfield, — Roe, C. Pannam, M. Jolman,
J. J. Monahan, W. H. Proudfoot, W. Strickland, R. Condon, E.
Ashton, E. Murphy, J. M'Cormick.
Third Row.—C. Sime, G. Williams, G. Davidson, — O'Brien, D.
Lanigan, R. Mulgrave.
Fourth Row.—E. W. Copeland, W. Arnott, W. Ralfour, A. Smith,
D. Flaherty, H. Dowdell, J. M'Inerney.

Submitted below is a facsimile of an original signed photograph of the Collingwood football club's founding fathers pictured together, left to right T.W. Sherrin, Alf Cross, Wal Lee, and John James "Jack" Joyce:




Jack is further pictured in the 1896, VFA premiership photograph below. He can be found back row third from the left:



Jack also played for the pies as well as prior, a captain of the Carlton football club and also had a short stint with Fitzroy.

HISTORY OF THE BLUESEUM

Carlton Football Club
1864



Victorian Football Association
DOB: Circa 1860 Collingwood
DOD: January 20 1945 Camberwell
Games: 36 - 38
Goals: 2
Career: 1882-1885

Jack/John James Joyce

1882 J. Joyce was elected captain of Britannia*
 He had joined Britannia two days after the club was formed in 1878 and remained on its committee through his four years at Carlton and up until the club disbanded and reformed as Collingwood. (Sportsman August 23 (p1) 1922

1882 Recruited from Britannia F. C. "a magnificent all round player, can be depended on anywhere, cannot be beaten as a back player, is also a splendid kick."

1883 A leading player.

1884 Was also included in the best from Victoria for the season.
 (Centenary Souvenir of Carlton Football Club, p16,17)
 Left: Jack Joyce appears in **1884** Carlton Football Club team photo taken in Adelaide.

1886 J. Joyce returned to Britannia.

1888 The Fitzroy Football Club web site names Jack Joyce playing for the club in 1888.

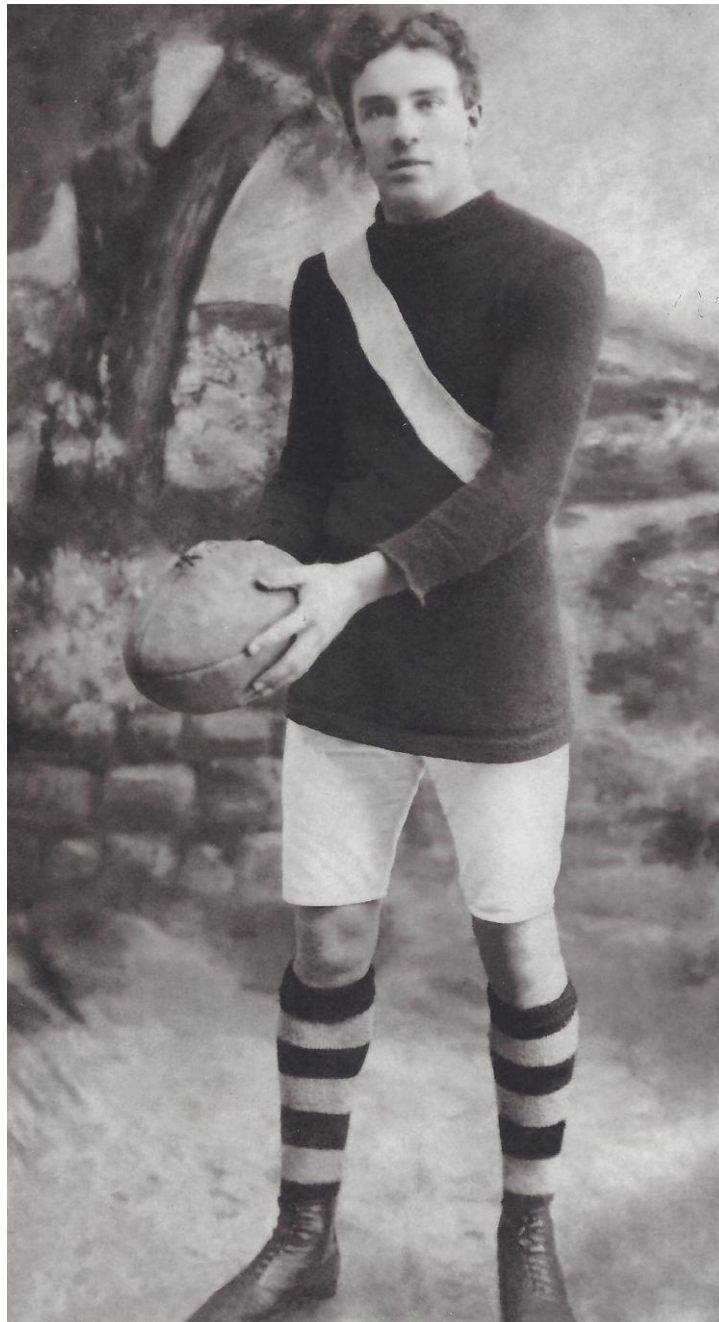
1889 April 20 – Jack Joyce was named in the Britannia team that played a preseason game against Richmond.

JOCK SIMMIE – SUNSHINE FOOTBALL CLUB

Sourced from the author's relative, Dr Richard Simmie M.D of Melbourne, is the history of brothers Bill and Jock Simmie who played football for Sunshine-Braybrook Football club and Sunshine District Cricket Club. They descend from the authors ancestral great uncle William Simmie, an early pioneer of Victoria.

Jock and Bill Simmie's Sunshine team went on to win the premiership that year. Later, in 1913, the football club (now the Sunshine-Braybrook Football Club), went on to win the premiership again. Jock Simmie was also involved in the local cricket team.

The young Jock Simmie is pictured below in his Sunshine football gear:



Jock, who is Richard Simmie's grandfather, married Richard's grandmother, Ivy Joyce, who is the daughter of Jack Joyce. This is the same man John James Joyce who is well recognised in AFL/Australian rules history as one of the co-founders of the Collingwood Football Club.

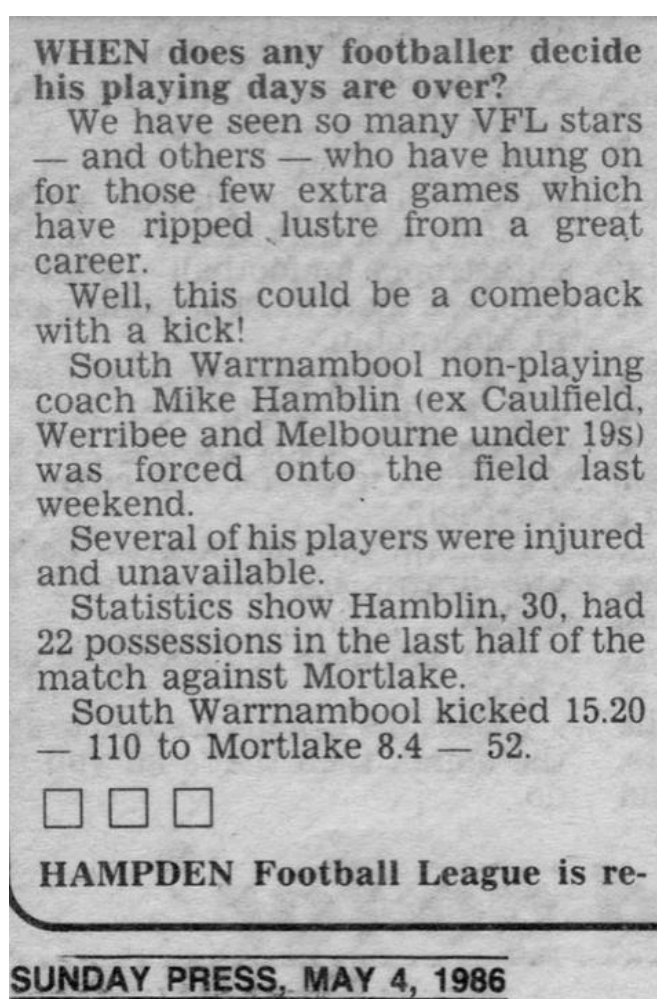
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MIKE HAMBLIN – SOUTH WARRNAMBOOL & MELBOURNE U/19s

Like Richard Simmie, Mike Hamblin is also descended from William Simmie 1825-1901 and Flora Simmie 1827-1897, who arrived with the present author, John Guest's second grandfather William Hay/Simmie in Melbourne aboard the ship Marco Polo from Tibbermore Scotland in 1862. The Guest/Hay/Simmie & Hamblin-Simmie lines all descend from John and Ann Mclean of Tibbermore Scotland traced back to 1764.

Mike, a retired veterinarian, and also a keen historian, research and author, [Hamblin, M, 2020, The Family History of Cornelia Creek Run & The Simmies], was an outstanding footballer for South Warrnambool, playing in the Hampden Football League, he was a two-time league best and fairest winner with the reserve grade best & fairest award named in his honour, the "Mike Hamblin Medal".

Mike played for Melbourne U/19s before crossing to VFA clubs Caulfield then Werribee (Sunday Press, Melbourne, May 4 1986):



May the family football stories keep coming.

